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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, NOON-4

Fire Department Barbecue!

El Dorado Fire & Rescue Service is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year at its Annual Open House and Barbecue on Sunday, September 18 from noon until 4 PM. The event will be held at the ECIA Community Center. All members of the Eldorado area community are invited to attend.

The El Dorado Fire Brigade started in 1976 when there were fewer than 400 houses in the area. Its first home was in a barn by the Eldorado Clubhouse. It soon became an official fire district of Santa Fe County, and was known as El Dorado Fire & Rescue Service. As the Eldorado area community has grown over the years, so has El Dorado Fire & Rescue Service. The 100% volunteer organization has come a long way since those early days through hard work by many and strong community support.

The annual Open House and Barbecue is a thank-you to the community as well as an educational event. All of the Service's emergency vehicles will be on display for inspection, and department members will be on hand to meet and talk with attendees throughout the event. Smokey will be there too. There will be

demonstrations, activities for the kids and live music through the afternoon. And, of course, there will be burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings.

The El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service looks forward to seeing you at this 40th Anniversary Celebration!



**ECIA Board Meeting,
Community Center
Railroad Bldg.
Thurs.,
September 15,
7 PM**

Meet father and son members Assistant Chief Glenn Saums and Jaret Saums and the rest of the EFRS team at the 40th anniversary barbecue on September 18.
Photo: Ken Pinter

All's Well on the Water Front

During the summer months, Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District ratepayers are accustomed to seeing water restriction signs. When asked about their absence this year, General Manager **David Chakroff** was quick to quench our curiosity.

"You're not seeing signs about water restrictions because we have not issued restrictions this summer. The EAWSD Water Restrictions and Alert Management Plan describes "Normal Conditions" (no water restrictions) as when: *wells can sustain the water supply to meet customer demand. Water levels in the tanks are kept to necessary levels and no major infrastructure supply disruptions have occurred.* This has been the condition this summer," Chakroff explained.

Should we move out of "normal conditions," the EAWSD will first alert ratepayers with signs stating "Stage 1-Guarded Conditions." Stage 1 is put into effect when it appears that water supply may not be able to keep up with demand. Possible causes include, but are not limited to, one or more supply wells going off-line, falling tank levels, leaks or line breaks, or unanticipated high demand.

"Stage 1 may also be put into effect in anticipation of supply lagging demand, often occurring during drought periods or extended periods of exceptionally hot weather," continued Chakroff.

"This summer, EAWSD has been able to sustain the water supply needed to meet customer demand. We have no anticipation of supply lagging demand.

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DIRECTOR COLELLO RESIGNS

We are sorry to announce the resignation of **Director Greg Colello**, who has served as Secretary of the Board the past couple of years. Greg has been a key leader in organizing our recent Fourth of July events and has worked tirelessly on other important ECIA issues. The Board will immediately begin a search for a replacement. Any interested member in good standing is encouraged to contact a current Board member.



Share your
comments
with us!

For policy and
deadline, see
below

Editorial Policy

Vistas welcomes your ideas, stories, photos, and art. Please include full name and contact information. The newsletter will not publish material deemed inflammatory, biased, or inappropriate. Submissions will be selected and edited at the discretion of the editor. Community announcements are welcome as well, along with accompanying photos.

DEADLINE: Newsletter deadline is the 5th day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or e-mailed to gloria@eldoradosf.org. Please include "Attn: Vistas" in your message.

Mission Statement

The mission of *Vistas*, the monthly newsletter of the ECIA, is to inform the Eldorado community about issues before the ECIA Board and the membership at large. By so doing, the publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision making process.

Director Removal Special Election

A Petition has been received and certified by the Secretary of the Board of Directors for removal of Director **Claudia Daigle** for cause per Section 2 of Article VIII of the ECIA *Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws* (Bylaws) of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc.

Per the Bylaws and as instructed by the Board of Directors, the ECIA Election Committee will conduct and complete a special vote by ECIA Members Eligible To Vote within sixty business days of July 21, 2016.

The Election Committee is required to conduct a mail-in vote. A Ballot Information Packet, including a copy of Ms. Daigle's rebuttal, was mailed in mid-August to Members Eligible To Vote as of July 31, 2016. The packet also contains specific instructions on how to complete and return the ballot. All ballots are due to be received by 5 PM on September 28, 2016. Ballots may be returned via the postage paid return envelope included within the information pack-

et, or inserted into the secure ballot box at the ECIA Office. It is required that the ballot be returned according to the instructions in order for the ballot to be deemed valid. All ballots must be received by the required date, and will be subsequently validated and counted on September 29, 2016.

If you have not yet received your Ballot Information Packet, call the ECIA office at 466-4248.

Due to room size restrictions and other considerations, only the primary parties to the removal petition will be invited to observe the ballot counting.

In accordance with Section 9 of the ECIA Protective Covenants, signs for this special election are only permitted between August 1 and October 1, 2016. Signs are restricted to 2x3 feet and may not be placed on Eldorado *Common Properties* or highway right-of-ways.

Notification to ECIA Members of the results of the special election will be made on or shortly after September 30, 2016, by the President of the ECIA Board.

2017 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE SET

The ECIA Finance Committee has begun discussions to develop the 2017 Operating Budget, and the Committee and Board have adopted a schedule. The September meetings are listed here; the full schedule is posted on the website, eldoradosf.org. All meetings are open to Association members. Note that no increase in assessments is proposed for 2017.

Friday, Sept. 9, 5 PM: The General Manager presents, in an e-mail to the Finance Committee, a revised draft of the 2017 Operating Budget, including monthly budgets and seasonal adjustments, for Finance Committee review and comments.

Monday, Sept. 12, 9:30 AM: The Finance Committee considers the revised draft of the 2017 Operating Budget and recommends changes.

Recent Board Actions

The ECIA Board met in special session on Monday, July 25, to consider issues relating to a membership petition for removal of Director **Claudia Daigle**. All seven Board members were present. The following formal actions were taken:

- ▼ The Board directed the ECIA Election Committee to conduct and complete a membership election on the removal of Director Daigle within a maximum of 60 business days. This motion passed by a vote of 6-0, with Daigle recusing herself.
- ▼ The Board directed the Election Committee to use UBL numbers on return envelopes for the membership vote and to not use any identification on the actual ballot. This motion passed 6-1, with Director **Todd Handy** voting no.

The ECIA Board met again in special session on Monday, August 1, primarily to review a proposed update of architectural guidelines from the Architecture Committee. During this meeting, the Board acknowledged the resignation of Director **Greg Colello**, and by unanimous vote elected **David Yard** as Board Secretary.

The ECIA Board held its regular monthly meeting on Aug. 18, 2016. Five Board members were present: **Pam Henline** (Vice President, presiding), **Todd Handy** (Treasurer), **David Yard** (Secretary), **Antone Forneris**, and **Claudia Daigle**. President **Dag Ryen** was excused. The following information was presented, and formal actions were taken unanimously, unless otherwise noted:

- ▼ **Brenda Leonard** was thanked for her service as HOAMCO General Manager since November, 2015. **Isabel Ugarte** was welcomed as her interim replacement.
- ▼ The resignation of former Director **Greg Colello** was accepted, with thanks for his service. Anyone interested in applying for the vacancy caused by Director Colello's resignation should contact the ECIA office by September 8.
- ▼ A recall election for Board member Daigle is in progress; ballots are due back by September 29.
- ▼ A variance was granted for 16 Enebro Road for a new small accessory structure to be 37 feet from the dwelling for better screening.

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Message from the ECIA President

The ECIA Board is saddened at losing the services of our excellent general manager, **Brenda Leonard**. In the short time that Brenda has spent with us, she has addressed the Association's managerial, fiscal, and administrative issues head-on. She has worked tirelessly and has been a great partner to the Board. Unfortunately, Brenda has determined that she needs to focus on some health and personal issues, and has resigned from our management company, HOAMCO, which, by the time this issue of *Vistas* hits the mailboxes, will have provided a replacement. But Brenda will be missed.

Also by the time this issue has been published, ECIA members in good standing will have received

ballots for the vote to remove Director **Claudia Daigle** from the Board. This action is being conducted in response to a membership petition in which more than 15 percent of members requested a removal vote. As with all ECIA elections, it is important that as many members as possible participate in this balloting.

Autumn is upon us and we will soon be closing out another successful year at the community pool. The pool will remain open during limited hours for another few weeks, however. Check for opening times elsewhere in this issue. And don't forget the always entertaining "Paws in the Pool" event on October 1, which brings the season to a fun close.

—Dag Ryen, President, ECIA Board of Directors

Clarification on ATVs, Motorbikes, and Dirt Bikes

We regret any confusion caused by the July *Vistas* article "Motorbike, Dirt Bike and ATV Prohibitions." While that article stated that riding motorbikes, dirt bikes, and ATVs is prohibited on lots in Eldorado, this was incorrect. Bikes with motors may be ridden on an Eldorado property with permission of the lot owner. Nonetheless, the use of such motor vehicles on lots can create noise and fumes and disturb neighbors, so when the ECIA receives a complaint about such nuisances, under the covenants we must investigate the complaint and work with residents to resolve the issue. This was correctly detailed in the July article as being covered under Section 14 (Nuisance Clause) of the covenants:

No activity shall be conducted, nor equipment or process used, nor substance or animal kept which emits foul or obnoxious odors, or which creates noise, glare, fumes or electrical interference.

Additionally, the article correctly asserted that any such vehicles, when stored on a lot, are required to be screened, as stated in Section 13 of the covenants, Storage and Screening of Vehicles and Their Accessories:

a) Recreational vehicles, such as motor homes, RVs, campers, camper shells, vehicle accessories, trailers, horse trailers, airplanes, boats and the like, when

stored on a lot shall be located so as to minimize their visual impact on the surrounding neighborhood and roads, and shall be obscured by screening in a reasonable manner, for example by the dwelling house and/or with plantings or fencing.

The article was also correct in stating that the use of motorbikes, dirt bikes and ATVs is prohibited in our greenbelts and the Eldorado Preserve, as detailed in the Eldorado Greenbelts and Preserve regulations.

Lastly, contrary to what was alleged at the July 21 Board meeting, NM State Statute # 66-3-1011 does not allow unregistered vehicles of any kind on gravel or dirt roads in New Mexico. This fact has been verified with Captain William Pacheco of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's office.

The ECIA has decided to open this issue up for comments from lot owners regarding whether the ECIA should allow or prohibit motorbikes, dirt bikes, and ATVs on Eldorado lots. Please e-mail your comments to our General Manager (gm@eldoradosf.org) which will be forwarded to the ECIA Board for review. Residents who have remaining questions should contact **Mark Young** at the ECIA at 466-4248. We hope that the information above helps to clarify this issue.

Board Actions, continued

- ▼ A variance was granted for 1 Esquina Road for a new small accessory structure to be 30 feet from the dwelling where 15 feet is the Guideline distance, for better screening.
- ▼ A variance was granted for an existing small accessory structure 114 feet from the dwelling. (Daigle against, Henline and Handy abstaining).
- ▼ Barn 13 at the Stable was granted a waiver to be owned without an owner horse until Dec. 31, 2016.
- ▼ Demolition was authorized for the unoccupied former ECIA rental house at 2 La Hacienda Loop.
- ▼ The final ECIA 2015 financial audit was approved (Handy abstaining).
- ▼ **Salvatore Monaco** and **Marti Zieg** were appointed to the Finance Committee.
- ▼ **Greg Colello** and **John Reynolds** were appointed to the Conservation Committee.

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Changes Near You?

Have any of your neighbors submitted architectural modification plans to the ECIA for approval? What changes to the built landscape are being considered near you? Check out the Architecture Committee agenda at <http://tinyurl.com/Arch-agenda> or the ECIA Board agenda at <http://tinyurl.com/lkxxdmw>.

FLEA MARKET



Eldorado

Eldorado wakes up happy every morning at 7 AM with ELDORADIO 1660 AM, the community's low-power hometown station: weather, local and Santa Fe events, cheerful music, no politics or commercials.

Annual Fall Flea Market September 24

On Saturday, September 24, the Boy Scouts host the 23rd annual Eldorado fall flea market at the ECIA Community Center. This subdivision-wide event officially gets underway at 8 AM with vendors from Santa Fe, Pecos, and Española as well as subdivision locals. This is a family-friendly event with something for everyone! Vendor set-up begins at 7 AM; space fees are \$10 for Eldorado residents and \$15 for non-residents. The flea market concludes at 12 noon. For more information, see www.eldoradosf.org or call (505) 466-0720.

Discover Square Dancing

The Eldorado Depot Dancers invite you to a "Discover Square Dancing" open house and beginning lessons, Friday September 16, 7-8 PM in the ECIA Community Center Railroad Bldg. Experience the joy, health, and mental benefits of modern square dancing, meet new friends, and eat great snacks. The Eldorado Depot Dancers are the only square dancing club in Santa Fe. No experience necessary, singles welcome, casual attire. Contact **Connie Walters** at 466-4226 or **Tom Brimacombe** at 660-6043, or visit squaredancesantafe.org.

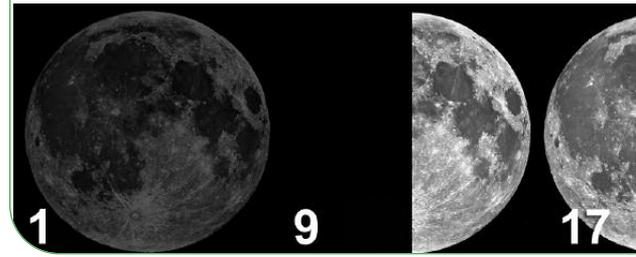
Stables Open House Sept 24

The Eldorado Stables again welcomes the entire Eldorado community to our Stable Open House on Saturday Sept 24 from 10 AM to 1 PM. This is a great opportunity to bring the whole family to meet the horses and enjoy our wonderful stable amenity. This year we are delighted to announce that we can again offer pony rides for our young horse enthusiasts! Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding will be providing FREE pony rides as part of our Open House. We are thrilled to have this wonderful organization join us for a day of fun and education at the stables. For those who plan to ride, please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Contacts: **Pat Donahue** donahuemail@gmail.com; **Alice Griffin** griffinae100@gmail.com.

School Fun Run-a-Thon

The 22nd Annual El Dorado Community School Fun Run is coming on Friday, September 30. This year it will be a little different, being held on a school-day to ensure 100% student participation and to raise more funds for our school: it will be a Fun Run-a-thon. This fundraiser is designed to raise funds specifically for the school's PE programs to directly benefit teachers and students. It is also a way to raise school and community spirit and to encourage healthy and active lifestyles for students and their families.

MOON PHASES FOR SE



Please support the youth in your life and community and the school they attend by coming out to run with or cheer on the students and/or through sponsorships and pledges. For more information, please email: askus@eldoradopta.org or check out our website at eldoradopta.org for updates.

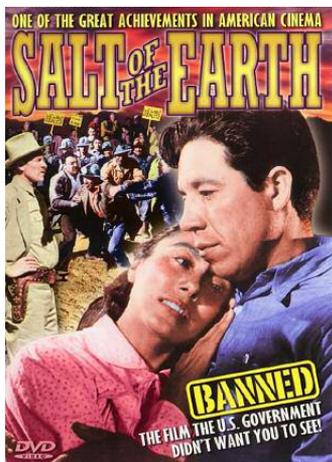


Reel New Mexico, September 14

Screening on Wednesday, September 14, at La Tienda's Performance Space will be "Salt of the Earth" (1954, 90 minutes). This is a powerful, persuasive labor-management drama. With the exception of five actors (including future *Waltons* star Will Geer), the cast is comprised of non-professionals, mostly participants of the real-life strike action upon which the film is based.

Set in and shot near Silver City, NM, the film concerns the measures taken by the largely Hispanic union to improve working and especially living conditions for the poverty-stricken workers. Remarkably prescient, given that the film was made long before the women's movement, is the fact that it is the wives who keep the strike alive while their husbands are beaten and otherwise oppressed by the owners.

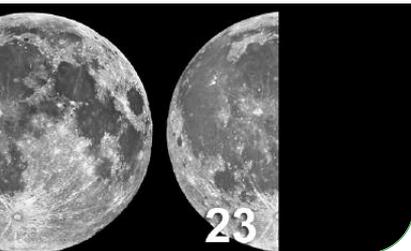
Not that the miners wholeheartedly accept this; one of the script's many on-target observations shows the macho workers resenting their wives' intervention. The film focuses on breaking the strike (with the authorities, headed by Geer at his most odious) and comes about as much from male-female solidarity as from the workers' determination.



Reel New Mexico screening on September 14, La Tienda

September Events

SEPTEMBER



Fall Haiku

September mints gold:
wealthy aspens' cool coinage
pays for winter snow.

Co-produced by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, "Salt of the Earth" was assembled under conditions of extreme duress by a group of Hollywood expatriates, all victims of the Blacklist: producer Paul Jarrico, director Herbert Biberman, screenwriter Michael Wilson, and star Will Geer. "Freed" of the strictures of Hollywood censorship, the film's auteurs were able to explore several subjects previously considered taboo. As a result, the film seems even fresher and more pertinent now than it did when given its extremely limited first release in 1954.

PLEASE NOTE special date for this screening. There is a \$5 suggested donation, and you are welcome and encouraged to bring food and drink from our great neighbors at the La Plancha Café next door. For more information, please call 466-1634.

New Pool Hours

Beginning September 6

Monday–Thurs 7:30–12 NOON

Friday rec swim 10 AM–7 PM

Friday lap swim: 7:30–10 AM

Weekends rec swim 10 AM–7 PM

Weekend lap swim: 8–10 AM

Pool closes September 30

PAWS IN THE POOL: Oct. 1

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email gloria@eldoradosf.org with your meeting/event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 3rd of the month for publication in the following month's Vistas. Please include "Attn: Vistas" and be sure to indicate:



1. TYPE OF EVENT
2. Location
3. Date & Time
4. A Resource Person (one who can answer questions both about the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number.

Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

Note: All meetings are at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

CC=Community Center, LR=Living Room, F=Foyer, CFR=Conference Rm, CR=Classroom, RR=Railroad, K=Kitchen

SPECIAL EVENTS

Eldorado FD Annual BBQ	Sun., Sept. 18,	12-4 pm	Outside Areas
Boy Scout Flea Market	Sat., Sept 24,	7 am-12 pm	ECIA Parking Lot
Ballot Count for Removal Petition	Thurs.,Sept. 29	8:50 am- ??	CFR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architecture Committee	Tues., Sept. 13, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architecture Committee	Tues., Sept. 27, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Mon., Sept. 12, 6-8 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Sept. 6, 7-9 pm	Jim Daniel	609-941-4527	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 15, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Election Committee	Wed., Sept. 14, 2-4 pm	Kathie Graham	466-2133	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., Sept. 7, 4-6 pm	David Lovro	466-0540	CFR
Finance Committee	Mon., Sept. 12, 9:30-11:30 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Mon., Sept. 19, 7-9 pm	Frank Schober	310-8593	CFR
Road Committee	TBA	Felicia Probert	466-1563	RR
Stable Committee	TBA	Alice Griffin	795-6424	F

MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS / BIMONTHLY

EAW&SD	1st & 3rd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	EAWSD
Eldorado Arts & Crafts	Last Thurs., 7 pm	Mary Fredenburgh	466-1035	CR
Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wed., 3:00 pm	Pam Henline phenline@comcast.net		LR
Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tues. of month, 4-6 pm	Sue Daniel	856-220-7087	CFR
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month	Brad Cottingham	466-4655	
Search & Rescue	2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm	santafesar.org		VGPL

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:45-6:45 pm			CFR/LR
AA	Wed., 7-8 pm			CFR
AA	Thurs., 6-7 pm (Women Only)			CFR
AA	Fri., 6-7 pm			CFR/LR
AA	Sat., 11-12 pm			CFR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm			La Tienda
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Karl Cordova		RR, CR, LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-5 pm	Shirley Davis	982-6179	LR
Cardio Martial Arts	Tues., & Thurs., 5:45-6:45	Brett Maul	204-8850	RR/Patio
Community Church**	Sun., 9:00 & 10:30 am	David McPherson	466-2495	La Tienda
Eldorado Hikers	Tues., 8:30 am	Terry Gibbs	466-6914	CC
Fire & Rescue Training	Tues., 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Fire & Rescue Duty Sections	Sat., 8-12 noon	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Knitting Club	Tues., 10-12 noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
Life Drawing	Mon., 10-12 noon	Jack McCarthy	466-9601	RR
Mah Jongg	Fri., 1-5 pm	Nancy Robbins	466-1780	CR
Martial Arts	Tues. & Thurs 5:45-6:45 pm	Brett Maul		RR
Overeaters Anon	Mon., 7-8 pm	Barb	954-1533	LR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 11:30-12:30 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Spinning Group (Fiber)	1st/3rd Thurs., 9:30-11:30 am	Ellen Higgins	970-201-4776	LR
Square Dancing	Fri., 6-9 pm	Connie Walters	466-4226	RR
Yoga/Gentle Stretch	Wed., 9-10:15 am	Mary Horst	490-2790	CR
Yoga/Vinyasa	Monday 5:30-6:45 p.m.	Julia Cairns	466-1935	CR
Yoga/Vinyasa	Tues. & Fri., 9-10:15 am	Julia Cairns	466-1935	CR
Zumba	Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 am	Tana Monaco	690-4332	M Coll CC

* Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

**For other religious/spiritual services, go to <http://santafe.areaconnect.com/churches.htm>

*** Reservations required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradosf.org

Curbside Recycling Coming to Eldorado!

Curbside recycling service is coming to Eldorado on November 1. In late spring, the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance expanding the County's role in managing solid waste and recycling throughout the county with an eye toward increasing waste reduction and recycling rates. The ordinance establishes a new "Solid Waste Collection District" consisting of the higher-density residential areas surrounding the City of Santa Fe, including Eldorado. Solid waste haulers providing residential refuse service will be required to also provide recycling service at least every other week, for a single "bundled" fee. Haulers will no longer be allowed to offer "refuse only" service.

The addition of recycling service may increase rates by \$7–10 per month. All of the regular household-generated recyclable items currently accepted at the convenience centers, with the exception of glass, will be collected. Due to constraints associated with glass recycling and processing, glass is not included in this program. At least one hauler, however, currently offers glass recycling pick-up along with the collection of other recyclables. Many citizens wanted mandato-

ry glass recycling included in the ordinance, but such a requirement would have been cost-prohibitive. Most haulers utilize the automated "one-armed bandit" trucks and carts that don't lend themselves to keeping glass separate from the other recyclables. With curbside collection of all of the non-glass recyclables (the list of which has increased in the past year), homeowner trips to convenience centers to recycle glass only will be much less frequent than previously necessary.

Homeowners are not required to obtain curbside refuse and recycling service under the ordinance. If they so choose, they may continue to self-haul their refuse and recyclable materials to a convenience center.

The ordinance also requires haulers operating throughout the unincorporated county to submit a solid waste data report to the County semiannually (twice per year). The County will use the haulers' solid waste and recycling data to develop additional management policies and programs.

For more information, feel free to contact me at 992-3044 or cohare@santafecountynm.gov.

—Craig O'Hare, Santa Fe County Public Works



Library News

Last month's Summer Fling and Ice Cream Social was a big success, thanks to the community members and library supporters who came out. The organizers especially want to thank the financial sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who donated items for the silent auction and food for the event. This key fundraiser for Vista Grande Public Library helps to pay for new books, DVDs, and other collection materials, as well as program expenses, and all the other services that the library provides to the community. Thank you, Eldorado!

NEW HOURS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

VGPL is offering extended hours on Tuesdays through September, from 10 AM to 6 PM. For the rest of the week, open hours will remain the same: 12 to 6 PM on Wednesday to Friday, and 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturdays. The library will consider keeping the morning hours if enough patrons take advantage of them over the next few weeks.

Also, please note that VGPL will be closed on Saturday, September 3, for the Labor Day weekend. Because of this,

Book Donation Day has been moved to September 10, at the usual time of 9 to 11:30 AM. The volunteers greatly appreciate if donors with a large number of books bring them in as early in the morning as possible.

ART EXHIBITION

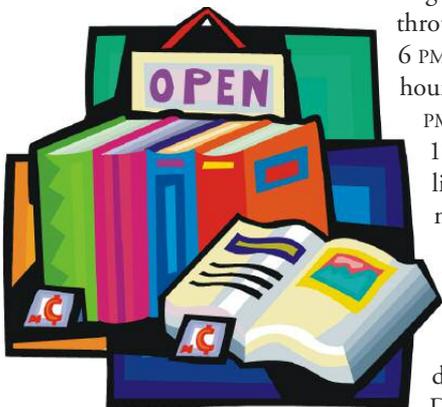
Dawn Dark Mountain's watercolor, mixed media, and relief prints will be featured in the library through September 29. See more about her work and "Children of the Earth and Sky" exhibition on the library's website, www.vglibrary.org. Other community artists are encouraged to apply for future exhibitions; details are also on the website.

PROGRAMS

After School Reading Club will start on September 7. This program is for students in grade K to 4, and meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 PM. Registration forms and more information are available on the website and at the library.

Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers continues to meet on Friday mornings at 11:30 AM. *Family Movie Night* is scheduled for Friday, September 9, at 7 PM. Call (505) 466-7323 for the film title and rating.

—Tracey Mitchell





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FLORA & FAUNA GROUP

Avoiding Diseases

Despite the extraordinary beauty of our community, this area, like many New Mexico locations, is occasionally host to some naturally occurring diseases. It's wise to be aware and knowledgeable of proper prevention techniques.

Bubonic plague is a bacterial disease that is usually transmitted to people through bites of infected fleas. Mice and, more often, rats, when infected, can be carriers. Symptoms in humans can include swollen and very tender lymph glands, fever, chills, headache, and extreme exhaustion. If untreated, the disease can progress to respiratory distress, which can be fatal.

Carried primarily by deer mice, **hantavirus** is transmitted to humans when they inhale the dried saliva, urine, or feces of infected rodents. Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome is a severe respiratory illness that can be deadly. Infections can result from someone cleaning out a mouse-infested storage shed.

The state Department of Health recently announced that the **tularemia** range has increased, with two new human cases in Bernalillo County. Sometimes called "rabbit fever" or "deer fly fever," tularemia can be carried by ticks and the bite of a deer fly. Symptoms in people can include fever, chills, headaches, diarrhea, muscle aches, joint pain, and swollen lymph nodes.

Rabies is a viral disease usually transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The virus infects the central nervous system. Early symptoms include fever, headache, and general weakness or discomfort. More intense symptoms develop as the disease progresses, including insomnia, anxiety, confusion, slight or partial paralysis, excitation, hallucinations, agitation, hypersalivation, and difficulty swallowing. Death usually occurs within days of the onset of these symptoms.

By being aware and applying simple common-sense precautions, these diseases can be avoided:

- ▼ Avoid sick or dead rodents. *Never* pick them up with your bare hands; use tongs or wear gloves.
- ▼ Wear a mask and gloves when cleaning rodent droppings, and use a disinfectant. Avoid sweeping up the droppings into the air, where they can be inhaled.
- ▼ Clear your property of anything that can attract mice such as pet food. Keep mouse habitats—woodpiles, brush piles, junk, unused vehicles, compost, and garbage—away from homes.
- ▼ Seal up all possible entry points to your home. Mice can squeeze through holes the size of a dime.
- ▼ Carefully air out closed-up buildings and sheds before entering.
- ▼ Keep your cats indoors. Don't let your dogs roam off leash. Don't allow them to chase or catch wild animals of any kind.
- ▼ Use an appropriate tick and flea control product for pets, and take sick pets to a veterinarian.
- ▼ Use insect repellent on exposed skin and clothing when you go outdoors.
- ▼ See your doctor about any unexplained illness involving a sudden and severe fever.
- ▼ And finally, do not use rodenticides!

If you use poisons, you can actually spread diseases. When a poisoned rodent dies and the body cools, the fleas leave and look for another food source, which could be animals or humans. You can't control where the rodents die when you use poisons. Use traps instead, the quick-kill kind (avoid glue traps, as they are inhumane and can catch the wrong animals, such as snakes). If you have an exterminator who wants to use rodenticides, tell them no, that you want the animals trapped and removed. Rodenticides cause more problems than they solve, such as the unintended (and cruel) death of important rodent predators such as snakes, owls, hawks, and coyotes—the very animals we need to keep rodent populations in check!

References for this article are available upon request. Contact us at EldoradoFloraFauna@yahoo.com.



Don't do this in a closed garage where rodents have lived—unless you're wearing a mask and gloves!

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The reason for this is that for the first time since 2010, EAWSD has been able to pump from Wells 9 and 10 in the Galisteo Creek Alluvium. There was enough watershed snow pack and spring precipitation to raise the levels of water in these two wells sufficient to pump the wells all summer. These two wells increase EAWSD's pumping capacity by 35% over our capacity when they are not available for pumping. Consequently, we have had a sustained water supply sufficient to meet customer demand this summer."

However, Chakroff pointed out, "We cannot rely on Wells 9 and 10 to be available in any given year. We would have issued water restrictions had they not been available this summer. For that reason, we are working on two projects (Well 19 Production Facilities and Well 2A/2B Dual Production) to increase our production capacity before the summer high demand period next year."

—Gershon Siegel

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Snapshot of Eldorado Real Estate

Eldorado remains a very desirable community to live in and continues to be sought after by buyers. In large part, it is due to the ECIA's wonderful amenities program, sensible yearly community assessments, minimally 1+ acre residential lots, reasonable commercial services, a top-notch volunteer fire department, schools, library, senior center, mountain views with breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, protected night skies, and the list goes on. . . .

Comparisons from January through July of 2015 to the same period in 2016 continue to show stability and upward movement in home sale prices. From January 1 through July 31, 2015, 91 homes were sold in Eldorado. The average price for these homes was \$343,303, or \$181.69 per heated sq. ft. List to final sale price was just under 98%. This takes into consideration any adjustments in the final price. (A building inspection issue that a seller and buyer agree to in lieu of a repair might be an example causing such an adjustment.)

During the same period this year, 87 homes were sold. The average price of these homes climbed to \$378,847, or \$186.19 per heated sq. ft. Again, the final sale price was just over 98% of the list or asking price. If more inventory had been available, there could have been more sales.

Another interesting statistic is the increase in the number of homes that sold for \$400,000 or well above—from 22 in the first seven months of 2015 to 36 in the same period this year. Eldorado is again beginning to enjoy both full and multiple offers on homes in all price ranges.

At the beginning of August 2016, an additional 27 homes were under contract, awaiting closing. It looks like another banner year for property values in Eldorado!

—Fred Raznick

5th Annual Food Drive September 5–17

This year, the ECIA is joining other neighborhood associations across the city in the “Neighbor to Neighbor” Food Drive to help the Food Depot handle the “increased demand.” Want to help? Fill a bag/box or two with non-perishable food items and bring your bags to one of the dropoff locations (ECIA office, Vista Grande Public Library, or Eldorado Country Pet) by 12 noon on Saturday, September 17. Monetary donations by check are also gratefully accepted during the Food Drive. Each \$1.00 donated buys four meals! Make checks out to The Food Depot, note your neighborhood on the check, and mail to **Anne Padilla**, The Food Depot, 1222A Siler Rd., Santa Fe 87507. You will receive a receipt. All monetary donors will receive a tax receipt letter from The Food Depot.

SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables • Milk, Dried or Evaporated • Soups, Canned & Dried • Infant Formula • Canned Tuna, Salmon & Meats • Applesauce • Peanut Butter • Baby Food • Rice, Dried • Pasta Sauce, Tomato Sauce • Pasta, Dried • Nuts & Seeds • Cereal • Macaroni & Cheese • Canned or Bottled Juices • Flour & Cornmeal • Oatmeal • Canned Pasta Meals • Beans, Canned & Dried • Dried Fruits

Note: The following items cannot be accepted by The Food Depot: perishable and frozen foods, home-cooked and home-canned foods (such as jams and jellies), bulk foods that you packed, and opened packages of food.

If you have any questions about this Food Drive, please call your neighborhood food drive coordinator, **Gloria Silva** @ 466-4248, or **Anne Padilla** @ 471-1633 x12.