

ELDORADO AT SANTA FE VISTAS

IN THIS ISSUE

ECIA News2-3
In the Community4-5
Recycling6
Library6
Flora/Fauna Resources....7

Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

ECIA, 1 La Hacienda Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508 ▼ (505) 466-4248 ▼ www.eldoradosf.org

Care & Maintenance of Your Septic Tank

Most people know very little about their septic tank system. This is understandable. In the city of Santa Fe, there are sewers to carry household waste to municipal wastewater treatment facilities. Here in Eldorado, however, septic tank systems provide the functions of both sewers and treatment facilities.

All the liquid and human solid waste of your household is disposed of through the septic system. And the proper operation of your septic system is essential to your health, property values, and environment.

Buried beneath the ground, it is out there, somewhere, constantly working. Do you know where your septic tank is? It may be the most overlooked and undervalued utility in your home. But with proper care and maintenance, your septic system can continue to work for you for at least 25 to 30 years. Proper operation and maintenance of your septic system can have a significant impact on how well it works and how long it lasts; and in Eldorado, septic system maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner.

My septic system failed the morning of my daughter's baptism. A toilet was flushed and water backed up into the shower. The septic guy couldn't be here for a couple of days. Did I know where the septic tank was? Thankfully, we were the original owners of the house, so we had the permit and accompanying map showing a very general location of the tank. A backhoe came and dug in three different places looking for the manhole cover of the tank. Finally found, it was 25 feet from the front door. A quick sketch of a map kept on hand saved time on future service visits.

There are three main reasons why septic system maintenance is so important. The first is to save money. Failing septic systems are expensive to repair, and improper maintenance by homeowners is a common cause of early system failure. The second and most important reason is to safeguard the health of your family, your community, and your environment. The third reason is to maintain the economic health of your community. Failing septic systems can cause property values to decline.

Keep in mind the following recommendations:

- ▼ Too much water can upset the delicate biological balance within the tank, thus defeating its ability to work wonders. Discharging more water into the system than it can handle can cause it to back up.
- ▼ Don't use excessive amounts of any household chemicals. You can use normal amounts of household detergents, bleaches, drain cleaners, and other household chemicals without stopping the bacterial action in the septic tank.
- ▼ Don't deposit coffee grounds, cooking fats, wet-strength paper towels, diapers, facial tissues, cigarette butts, or other non-decomposable materials into the house drains and toilets.
- ▼ Avoid dumping grease down the drain. It may plug sewer pipes or build up in the septic tank and plug the inlet.

You should have your septic tank pumped and cleaned by a professional every one to three years. How often depends on the size of the tank, the volume of wastewater, and how many solids go into it. Constant foul odor, slow drains, and drains that back up are all telltale signs that your septic tank needs pumping. When in doubt, call in a septic pro.

Sources: National Environmental Services Center (NESC.wvu.edu), EPA.gov/septic, Dummies.com

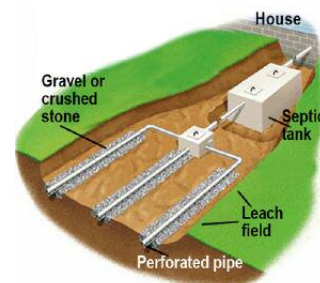
—DiAna Gutierrez

Geology and Eldorado

The prominent hills that straddle both sides of U.S. Highway 285 mark the end of the line for the southern Rocky Mountains. This is where the great chain of ranges that begins in Canada finally runs out of gas. These hills are composed of granite that has been altered—"metamorphosed"—by heat and pressure. Granite is originally formed by molten magma that never makes it to the surface of the earth. This magma ponds up fairly close to the surface and slowly cools to form solid rock. The rocks we see along Highway 285, called gneiss (pronounced

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 >>

ECIA Board Meeting, Community Center Railroad Bldg. Thurs., October 20, 7 PM





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.

Restrictions on White Silicone Roofs

Over the past few years, a number of residents have had their roofs resurfaced with a bright white silicone (or other white membrane) product. This product is very durable and energy efficient and comes in two colors, including bright white (shown below) and a tan color which visually blends with the colors of Eldorado homes. While a favorite with roofers and homeowners alike, the very bright white can be a visual nuisance to any neighbors who have a direct view of such a roof.

Given that the Eldorado Covenants and Building Guidelines seek to preserve the beauty of Eldorado and to prevent any kind of building material that is bright and reflective, the Architecture Committee reviewed this white silicone product and voted unanimously at their July 12 meeting to restrict its use (and any other bright white membrane products) on any roof surface in Eldorado that is visible to neighbors.

Should you choose to use such a white roofing product, you will be required to complete and submit the Architecture Plan Submission form to the ECIA for review of your roofing plans. The ECIA will then

schedule a meeting with the homeowner on-site to determine if this bright white product would be visible to any neighbors. If the white roofing product is not visible to neighbors, the application may be approved, with the stipulation that any vertical areas of the roof, as well as canals and parapets, are done in the tan version of this product or are painted to match the home's stucco color.

Additionally, should you want to use any bright white silicone product for a roof repair, we ask that you use the white color only where it would not be visible to your neighbors and the tan color on any vertical surfaces, parapets, or canals that would be visible to your neighbors.

This change will be reflected in the new edition of the Eldorado Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions for Eldorado at Santa Fe, which are currently under review by the ECIA.

If you have any questions about this issue, please call me at the ECIA at 466-4248.

—Mark Young, Compliance Coordinator



The strip of white on this roof shows how bright and reflective the bright white silicone appears on roofs.

2017 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES

The ECIA Finance Committee continues discussions to develop the 2017 Operating Budget, with October meetings scheduled as follows. Note that no increase in assessments is proposed for 2017.

Monday, Oct. 17, at 9:30 AM: The Finance Committee begins public review of committee and individual proposals at its regular monthly meeting. GM submits a revised draft of proposed budget. Venue: Conference Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 PM: The Finance Committee continues review of proposals for evening attendees, including Committee Chairs, and considers and reviews the first draft of the Budget Message. Venue: Conference Room.

A complete list of scheduled meetings leading to the adoption of a 2017 Operating Budget in December, is available on the website, eldoradosf.org.

Message from the ECIA President

As this issue of *Vistas* goes to press, several significant matters relating to ECIA management are in the works. Your Board has begun interviewing candidates for the vacant general manager's position brought forth by our management company, HOAMCO. We also have begun meeting with a number of candidates for a vacant position on the ECIA Board. Finally, as September draws to an end, votes will be counted in the election for removal of Board Director **Claudia Daigle**, an election triggered by a petition of more than 15% of the membership. All of these matters should be resolved within a few short weeks, and we encourage members to refer to the ECIA website and our email news alerts for updates.

We are particularly pleased that so many members have stepped up and expressed an interest in serving on the Board. These individuals include **Michael Holt**, **Pamela Hyde**, **Joseph Gutierrez**, **John Henriksen**, **Michael McDowell**, and **Barrett Jody Price**. While one or more of these members may be appointed to fill vacant seats, we hope that the others will file petitions to stand in the 2017 Board election, when an additional number of seats will become open.

The ECIA Board and current staff are adamant that the kind of error that allowed poison to be used

for gopher control in the dog park cannot and will not be allowed in the future. These areas have now been cordoned off, and as long as the soil is not disturbed, should pose no harm to dogs or humans. Warning signs have also been posted. The ECIA Board reaffirms our policy that no herbicides, pesticides, or other poisons are to be used on ECIA common property except in emergencies and even then, only with adequate notification. We are also thankful that no harm has come to any pets or others as a result of this unfortunate incident.

Also, the proposed humane removal of prairie dogs from the Community Center grounds has been postponed indefinitely. The company that ECIA had contracted to carry out the removal has run into logistical difficulties with other projects and will not be able to address our prairie dog colony until next spring, when the animals emerge from hibernation. If the ECIA agrees to continue this contract, the prairie dogs would be captured alive and relocated to the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge near Socorro.

We hope that everyone in Eldorado has a safe and enjoyable autumn. Enjoy the cooler weather, and don't forget the always entertaining "Paws in the Pool" event right around the corner on October 1.

—*Dag Ryen, President, ECIA Board of Directors*

Recent Board Actions

The ECIA Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 15, 2016. All current Board members were present: President **Dag Ryen**, Vice-President **Pam Henline**, Treasurer **Todd Handy**, Secretary **David Yard**, Director **Antone Forneris**, and Director **Claudia Daigle**. The following actions were taken:

- ▼ A motion was approved to adopt a policy requiring all exterior string or rope lights to be installed under a solid cover such as a portal or other structure. The motion passed 4-0, with Directors Handy and Daigle abstaining.
- ▼ A motion was passed (5-1, with Director Daigle voting no) to approve a variance to allow a historic intrusion of 5 feet into the 20-foot setback at 5 Herrada Terrace.
- ▼ A motion was passed unanimously to approve a variance request for new construction at 7 Bonito Road, allowing a roof pitch of 6:12.
- ▼ A motion calling for an immediate covenant vote to ban poultry and livestock on ECIA lots was rejected by a vote of 5-1 (Director Daigle voting for).

- ▼ A motion was passed unanimously to approve a negotiated Revocable Mutual License that allows joint use of a segment of property adjacent to the stable area and access through the stable area for owners of that property.

The next regular meeting of the ECIA Board will be held on October 20, at 7 PM, in the Railroad Building at the ECIA Community Center. Complete minutes and agendas of the regular Board meetings are available at the ECIA office or on the website: www.eldoradosf.org.

*For the fall national,
state, and local
elections, no public
election signs shall
be displayed in
Eldorado before
October 8.*

ECIA OFFICE

#1 La Hacienda Loop
Santa Fe, NM 87508
466-4248, 466-4249
www.eldoradosf.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President
Dag Ryen
D.Ryen@eldoradosf.org
Vice-President
Pam Henline
P.Henline@eldoradosf.org
Secretary
David Yard
D.Yard@eldoradosf.org
Treasurer
Todd Handy
T.Handy@eldoradosf.org
Director
Antone Forneris
A.Forneris@eldoradosf.org
Director
Claudia Daigle
C.Daigle@eldoradosf.org
Director
Open

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Architecture:
Katherine Mortimer
Conservation: **Jim Daniel**
Election: **Kathie Graham**
Facilities & Grounds:
Lee Onstott (acting chair)
Finance: **Dan Drobnis**
Information: **Frank Schober**
Roads: **Felicia Probert**
Stable: **Pat Donahue**

ECIA STAFF

General Manager (Interim)
Isabel Ugarte
466-4248
gm@eldoradosf.org
Compliance Coordinator
Mark Young
466-4248
mark@eldoradosf.org
VISTAS NEWSLETTER
Editor & Designer
Carol Leyba
466-1158
chsleyba@comcast.net
Webmaster:
Jack Arnold
webmaster@eldoradosf.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Vista Grande Library
466-READ
Fire and Rescue
466-1204
eldoradofirerescue.org
County All Purpose
820-CNTY (2689)

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>.



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.

Trail Work Volunteers Needed

The Conservation Committee is sponsoring three trail-repair days on October 22, October 29, and November 5. Work will concentrate mainly on eroded areas of Trail 301. Come to any or all of these workdays to help maintain the enjoyment of hiking the Preserve. We will meet at 9 AM at the ECIA and then proceed to Trailhead #3. Work will go into mid-afternoon, but volunteers may leave at any time. Bring a lunch and something to drink, and dress appropriately.

Crafts, Collectibles and Antiques Sale

The Adam Senior Center is sponsoring a Sale of Crafts, Collectibles and Antiques on Saturday, October 8 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Tables are available to vendors for \$10 each. Sign up and pay early at the Adam Senior Center on Torreon. Set up is at 8 AM on the morning of the sale. Information: 466-1039 or 505-954-1525.

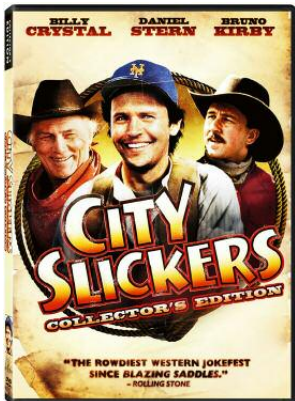
Pet Adoptions

Pet adoptions from The Santa Fe Animal Shelter and NM House Rabbit Society will be held at Eldorado Country Pet in The Agora Shopping Center, Saturday, Oct. 29, from 12 noon to 3 PM. Eldorado Country Pet will offer every animal companion adopted a 20% discount on all the necessities to start off their new lives! For more information, call 466-1270.

Reel New Mexico October 13

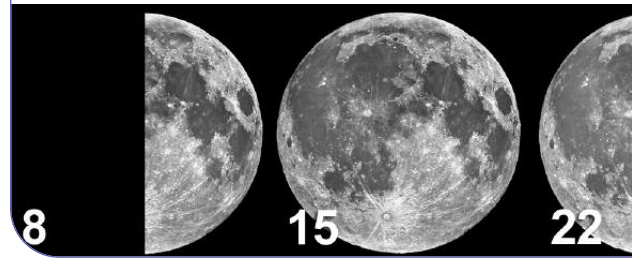
Screening at 7 PM on Thursday, October 13 at La Tienda's Performance Space is the 1991 comedy, "City Slickers" (run-time 1 hour and 45 minutes). Filmed partially in New Mexico, in and around Abiquiu, Santa Fe, and the Santa Clara and Nambe Pueblos, "City Slickers" blends sight gags, one-liners, and sincerity with both humor and drama arising from the characters and their situations. Mitch (Billy Crystal) is a radio station sales executive who finds himself in the throes of a midlife crisis; accompanied by two friends, Phil (Daniel Stern) and Ed (Bruno Kirby) in the grip of similar problems, he heads to New Mexico for his birthday to participate in a two-week "vacation" cattle drive to Colorado.

The three friends and the rest of their group, including an attractive, newly single young woman and two African-American dentists, are all urbanites lost when it comes to herding cattle and surviving on the prairie; it's up to authentic, almost mythic cowboy curly (Jack Palance, who won an Oscar for the role), to whip them into shape. As various adventures occur along the way, including run-ins with outlaw cattle thieves, treacherous natural mishaps, and Mitch's delivery of a newborn



Reel New Mexico screening on October 13, La Tienda

MOON PHASES FOR OCTOBER



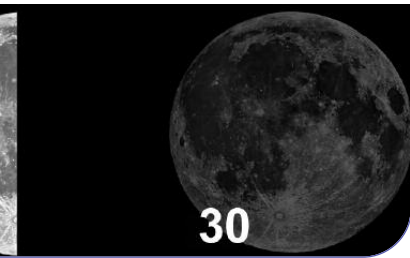
calf, the three "city slickers" open up to each other, learn to appreciate Curly's Old West values, and begin to resolve their midlife dilemmas.

Reel New Mexico is the state's only ongoing film series that showcases New Mexico-made movies. There is a suggested donation of \$5, and you can bring food and beverage into the performance space from our great neighbors at the La Plancha Restaurant, right across the hall. For more information, call 466-1634. Your support is needed to keep this series going!

Pilot Adopt-a-Shoulder for Wildflowers

As part of completing annual road maintenance duties, the Santa Fe County Road Crew mows the shoulders of the paved roads in Eldorado to keep the vegetation from encroaching on the pavement and to ensure adequate visibility and maintain a safe zone for pedestrians and bicyclists to get off the roadway when there is oncoming traffic. Unfortunately, sometimes this means that some sunflowers or Mexican hat flowers will get cut down along with the weeds.

In summer 2015, some of the residents on the newly paved Herrada Road were taken by surprise when the county crew came through to mow the shoulders for the first time and some of the sunflowers, flax, and Mexican hats that they had worked hard to coax along were within the mower's reach. The Eldorado Road Committee talked with Robert Martinez, Deputy Public Works Director for Santa Fe County, about ways to preserve the wildflowers while still ensuring safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists using Herrada Road. Martinez suggested that the Road Committee develop an "Adopt-a-Shoulder" program similar to the "Adopt-a-Highway" program for litter clean-up. As the fall season rolled around and the wildflowers began to die off, the committee turned its attention to other priorities, and the suggestion was not pursued—until earlier in summer 2016, when the county mowers were again spotted working along the paved roads in Eldorado. The Road Committee contacted Martinez to inquire if the County would hold off mowing Herrada Road west of Avenida de Compadres to give residents a chance to do some clean-up on their own. Martinez agreed that as long as the weeds were removed and the remaining flowers weren't



30



PROTECT OUR NIGHT SKY

Lights left carelessly on may spoil the views of our night sky.

encroaching on the pavement or causing any visibility problems, the County would not mow west Herrada. Road Committee member and Herrada Road resident **Karen Murry** went into action. She rallied her neighbors on Herrada and some friends nearby to dig up or cut down the weeds, collect seeds for reseeding, and to rake and haul the weeds to the Transfer Station. In addition to doing a lot of the actual weeding on her own, Karen helped her neighbors identify the good plants from the bad. The initial results met with the County's approval, and they agreed not to mow Herrada Road west of Avenida de Compadres. As of this writing, there were still some areas to be done and weeds to be hauled away, but the areas that were weeded look great, particularly the sunflowers that are in full bloom! See photo on page 7.



**PAWS IN THE POOL:
OCT. 1**

October Events

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

Paws in the Pool	Sat., Oct. 1, 12-4pm	Kelsae Pederson	466-2511	Pool
Architecture Guideline Forum	Sat., Oct. 1, 2-4 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	CR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architecture Committee	Tues., Oct. 11, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architecture Committee	Tues., Oct. 25, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Mon., Oct. 17, 6-8 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Oct. 4, 7-9 pm	Jim Daniel	609-941-4527	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Thurs., Oct. 20, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Election Committee	Wed., Oct. 12, 2-4 pm	Kathie Graham	466-2133	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., Oct. 5, 4-6 pm	David Lovro	466-0540	CFR
Finance Committee	Mon., Oct. 17, 9:30-11:30 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Mon., Oct. 24, 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 Genealogy Grp	Last Wed., 6:30-8 pm	Louise Roach	699-7630	VGPL
Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tues. of month, 4-6 pm	Sue Daniel	856-220-7087	CFR
Healing Arts Practitioners	2nd Tues., 4:30-5:30	Terry Terry	303-475-0922	LR
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
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
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	Max 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



RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH

Have rags? Goodwill Industries markets rags. If you have clothing that is truly unwearable or any other unusable textiles, drop them off at Goodwill, 3060 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, rather than the landfill. Mark the bag "RAGS."

Battery Disposal/Recycling Guide

Eldorado/285 Recycles gets lots of questions about batteries. Consult this list for how to handle them. You may also check the "Call2Recycle" program on the E/285 website (eldorado285recycles.org), which lists all of the locations that are available for rechargeable batteries.

- ▼ **Alkaline** The typical AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt: These can be put in with your regular trash, as they are safe to landfill.
- ▼ **Rechargeable** These are labeled Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad) or Lithium. It is very important that these be recycled. The Eldorado Convenience Center (ECC), Home Depot, Lowes, Target, and WalMart all have battery dropoff centers. Examples are those found in laptop computers, cell phones, power

tools, and two-way radios. Important: Rechargeable batteries should be taped on the end or placed individually in a plastic bag to avoid risk of fire.

- ▼ **Button Cell** These are flat and round and are typically found in watches and hearing aids. These can also be recycled at ECC, Home Depot, Lowes, Target, and WalMart, or BuRRT (Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer).
- ▼ **Lead Acid/Car Batteries** These are highly toxic because of the amount of lead they contain and should be recycled correctly by automotive stores, shops where purchased, or taken to BuRRT. These are not used in household devices.
NOTE: Please do not leave batteries at La Tienda, as they are no longer being collected there.

Library News

PROGRAMS

Physics for Everyone is back! For the next six months, **Robert Henderson** will be reviving his popular afternoon physics talks at VGPL. You don't have to know anything about physics to attend and enjoy. Talks take place the third Thursday of each month at 1 PM, are open to the public and free. The topic for October is Newton's Three Laws & Law of Gravitation (why spacewalking astronauts hold on and what causes gravity).

Families with toddlers and preschoolers can come by on Friday mornings at 11:30 AM when the library opens just for *Story Time* with Miss Selene. *Wags and Words* (reading to dogs) has openings for young readers on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Contact library staff if you have an interested student.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

The Haunted Library Halloween Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 4 to 7 PM. This event is free and open to everyone in the community. There will be lots of family activities, a special story time, a costume contest, and food and treats. Check the website or call the library for more details. Volunteers and donations for this event are very welcome; please contact the library staff if you are interested.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, October 14 at 7 PM. There will also be a special Ghostly Double Feature on Friday, October 21, starting at 5:30 PM. Call 466-7323 for the film titles and ratings.

NEW HOURS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- ▼ The new extended hours on Tuesdays were popular enough to continue. So, the library's open

hours schedule will be Tuesday, 10 AM to 6 PM; Wednesday through Friday, 12 to 6 PM; and Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.

- ▼ Book donation days: Saturday, October 1, and Saturday, November 5, from 9 to 11:30 AM.
- ▼ The Fall Book Sale is coming! Save the dates: November 10, 11, and 12.
- ▼ The library has voter registration forms that can be filled out and sent in. On Saturday, October 8, we will have a registration agent in the building to help out last-minute filers, October 11 being the last day to register.

—Tracey Mitchell

Geology & Eldorado, cont.

"nice"), were subjected to intense heat and pressure after they cooled, causing some of the minerals in the granite to line up in very faint bands. When you learn how old these granites are, you will understand that they must have been around the block at least a few times!

The rocks along I-25 and Highway 285 are more than a billion years old. The road you drive every day on your way to and from town contains some pretty old rock. But the mountains themselves aren't that old, just the rocks exposed within the mountains. The mountains are mere babies by comparison, raised during the last 30 million years or so.

Excerpted from Windmills and Dreams, 2016
The book may be purchased from Amazon.com or at the ECIA office.





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FLORA & FAUNA GROUP

Who You Gonna Call (or Not)?

Quick: Who do you contact for information about how best to manage invasive plants? Who do you call if you find an injured animal? Or if you find a rattlesnake on your property? What are some of the various wildlife conservation agencies, and what are their functions? (Of course, many wildlife issues resolve themselves without the need of involvement by any agency.)

Eldorado's amazing wildlife is one of our community's greatest and most amazing assets. Because the Eldorado Flora and Fauna group's mission focuses on coexisting with our remarkable wildlife and native plants, we wanted to provide some community, state, and national resource information. This list is certainly not complete—there are many more wonderful agencies available—but we hope that the sampling below may be helpful to all residents.

- ▼ **Eldorado Snake Relocation Volunteers** – 505-603-0250. Rescue and relocation of injured and unwanted snakes throughout the Eldorado area.
- ▼ **The New Mexico Wildlife Center** – 505-753-9505 (9 AM–4 PM weekdays). www.TheWildlifeCenter.org. Located in Española, provides conservation education and includes a wildlife hospital and rehabilitation facility.
- ▼ **Project Coyote** – 415-945-3232. ProjectCoyote.org. National organization with local contacts, promotes coexistence with wildlife through education, science, and advocacy.
- ▼ **Mountain Lion Foundation** – 916-442-2666. www.MountainLion.org. Dedicated to protecting mountain lions and their habitat.
- ▼ **The Raptor Center** – 505-699-0455. www.SantaFeRaptorCenter.org. Cares for injured and orphaned birds in order to release them back into their natural habitat.
- ▼ **Cactus Rescue Project** – 505-690-7462 or 505-466-6162. www.CactusRescueProject.Info. Promotes cacti as an environmentally friendly and appropriate choice for the Southwest landscape.
- ▼ **Santa Fe Botanical Garden** – 505-471-9103. <http://santafebotanicalgarden.org>. Education and information about conservation and the biodiversity of our region.
- ▼ **NMSU Coop Extension** – <http://aces.nmsu.edu/cooperativeextension/garden.html>. The University of New Mexico's College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences provides information related to plants, gardening, insects, growing seasons, etc.

- ▼ **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** – 888-426-4435. www.aspcapro.org/animal-poison-control-center. Animal toxin and poison-related emergencies, 24/7.
- ▼ **Neighborhood Watch** – <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com/>. Supports Eldorado and surrounds with crime alerts, and lost and found. To report a suspicious activity, first call the non-emergency number for the Santa Fe County Sheriff (505-428-3720), then contact **Marilyn Walker** (505-466-2553) or lightwalker2@comcast.net.
- ▼ **Animal Control** – 505-992-1626. www.santafecountynm.gov/sheriff/animal_control. Officers work 8 AM to 6 PM but may be dispatched after hours, if required. They handle problems with domestic pets but will try to respond to calls regarding wildlife inside people's homes.
- ▼ **New Mexico Game & Fish** – 888-248-6866. www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. Education, hunting- and safety-related issues concerning game species (wildlife requiring a license to be killed for sport, food, fur, and other trophies); poaching issues.

NOTE: Since the average coyote consumes 1,000+ rodents per year, they are highly valuable in the battle against diseases. However, state law stipulates that neither Game & Fish nor Animal Control handles issues related to coyotes. New Mexico has no legal protection for non-game species, like coyotes, who will not be relocated and cannot be treated by veterinarians or wildlife centers.

Contact us at EldoradoFloraFauna@yahoo.com. For archived Flora Fauna articles, go to <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com/flora-fauna-group/>.



Wild sunflowers bloomed in profusion after frequent rains in September. These lovelies were spared from the county mower's blades by an Adopt-a-Shoulder for Wildflowers program on Herrada Road, where these were photographed. See story on pp. 4-5.

VISTAS

Eldorado Community Improvement Association
#1 La Hacienda Loop
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508
www.eldoradosf.org

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 173
Santa Fe, NM

SAVE PAPER/MAILING COSTS

To opt out of receiving a personal mailed copy of *Vistas*, email gloria@eldoradosf.org. Following this request, you will no longer receive a printed copy of *Vistas* but instead will be sent an email once a month with a link to the next issue of *Vistas* on the ECIA website, in PDF format, ready to view and/or print at home.



Scan this code with your phone to take you to the online version of *Vistas*

Road Repair (SF County) 992-3010
www.santafecountynm.gov/public_works/road_concern.

Sheriff 428-3720
Crime Stoppers 955-5050
Neighborhood Watch: <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>

Eldorado Arts & Crafts Fall Art Show

The annual Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association Fall Art Show will be held on October 14 and 15 at St. John's United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Cordova and Old Pecos Trail. The hours are Friday from 3 to 7 PM and Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. This is a great opportunity to add to your own art collections as well as get a jump-start on the busy holiday shopping season. You will be able to sample artwork from many local artists, with jewelry, photography, ceramics, wearable art, bird-houses, wood turning, recycled arts, painting, glass art, and weaving on view and for sale. Contact eldoradoarts@gmail.com for more information.

Left to right: Ken Horst, wood art; Cris Nein, recycled art; (top) Cynthia Inson, porcelain; (bottom) Judy Kramer, jewelry

