

# Vistas

Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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## Message from the Board:

**F**irst and foremost, we would like to wish everyone a **Happy New Year** and we hope that you all had a wonderful holiday. We also hope that everyone has a great start to the new year!

The main issue on everyone’s mind is the budget and assessment increase. 2018 is the ‘every other year’ that the Eldorado Covenants and By-laws allows the annual assessment to change. As we went into the budgeting process, the major categories considered were the upkeep of our amenities and funding our Replacement and Reserve fund. The ECIA Board also recommended that the position of Assistant GM be added and our GM requested new positions for a third full time maintenance person and a community liaison who will be responsible for the *Vistas*, updating and maintaining our website, and other community outreach tasks.

As was mostly anticipated in the 2017 Budget Message (available on the [ECIA website under Resident Resources](#)) and announced at the 2017 Annual Meeting, the 2018 budget includes an **increase in our annual assessment from \$460 to \$525**. What wasn’t known in 2016 was the state of our 40-year-old pool and the need to start planning for the future of this amenity. The 2018 budget proactively addresses the need to plan ahead for both maintenance of the current pool as well as saving for what could be an expensive upgrade.

The decision to increase our assessment was not taken lightly. Everyone on the Board is affected by the increase. The Board is also cognizant that many in our community are on a fixed income. With that said, it is the responsibility of the Board to properly fund our community’s Replacement and Reserve



fund as well as protect Eldorado property values through the ongoing maintenance of our community’s amenities.

2018 will bring other changes as well. One task we will be working on is a redesign of our website. We also have around \$300,000 worth of work planned for amenities to keep them in good shape. If you are interested in seeing the list of planned R&R expenditures, please reach out to our GM, **Isabel Ugarte**.

Finally, we have an election coming up. There are **two (2) seats that are open** this year and we hope that everyone who is interested in this community and our budgeting and operations process will run. We also need volunteers for all of our committees. Please get involved. All of the Board and all committee members are volunteers and it is very rewarding giving time to our community. The only way we can keep improving Eldorado is for all of us to be involved!

~ECIA Board

## New Utility Construction Planned

**O**ur local water utility, the **Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District**, hopes to break ground this year on a new workshop and garage at the corner of Avenida Eldorado and US 285. Applications to the county for construction permits for the new facility are pending, but according to Operations Manager **Steve King**, the water district hopes to complete the design phase by late spring and break ground by mid-year. The proposed building will be 3,100

square feet and will be used for equipment maintenance, vehicle repair and supplies storage. The facility will be constructed on a lot adjacent to the ECIA stable area, to which the water district has an easement from the ECIA. Once construction has begun, drivers should be alert to increased traffic at the Eldorado/285 intersection.

~Dag Ryan

**ECIA Board Meeting, Community Center Railroad Bldg. Monday, Jan. 22 , 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 Editor, Courteney Handy at her office at ECIA or e-mailed to [chandy@hoamco.com](mailto:chandy@hoamco.com). 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.



## ECIA Board Candidate Nomination Petitions

Board members will be elected through the voting process which begins early January and culminates at the ECIA Annual Meeting on May 7, 2018. Two Board of Director positions are open for election, each with 3-year terms expiring on May 4, 2021. The Nomination Petition and its accompanying Information and Instruction Sheets will be available online and at the ECIA office starting **December 29, 2017**. The completed and signed Nomination Petition, a biographical and goals for the community statement **not exceeding a total of 400 words**, and photo must be submitted to the ECIA office no later than 5 p.m., March 1, 2018.

To be a candidate for election to the ECIA Board, the ECIA Bylaws require all of the following criteria be met: Petitioner must be a Lot Owner of record: (1) whose assessments are paid in full and posted to the receiving bank

as of March 1, 2018; (2) whose rights and privileges are not suspended, and (3) who resides full-time in Eldorado.

Each Petitioner must present a Nomination Petition to the ECIA Office which contains at least twenty-five (25) signatures which are valid. To be valid, a signature must be of a Lot Owner whose 2017 assessments have been paid in full and posted to the receiving bank when signing the Petition and whose rights and privileges are not suspended as of the date of signature.

Nomination Petitions are available at [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) under the "Resident Resources" tab > "Forms and Applications," > "Board Nomination Petition" or at the ECIA office. Petitioners should call the ECIA Office at **505-466-4248** if there are questions about the candidacy and Petition requirements.

~Election Committee

## Bylaws Open Forum for Members

Proposed Bylaws Revisions are available for view at [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) under "Governing Documents." Hard copies can be obtained at the ECIA office. There is an Open Forum for Members on Tuesday, **January 16th, 7:00 P.M.** in the Railroad Building. The proposed changes are shown in grey highlight with a black strike through line which means to delete current language. **Red** lettering indicates new proposed language and **teal** lettering is the rationale for proposed changes. In addition to formatting, grammatical corrections and date updates, there are changes proposed in the following areas:

- ▶ New section added to require Directors to sign an Agreement to Serve before being seated.
- ▶ Specific direction for the Board when Vacancies occur.
- ▶ Organizational and Regular Meetings Sections separated, and language added for clarity under all sections of meetings.
- ▶ New language to allow Electronic Meetings.
- ▶ Candidacy Restrictions for Removed Board

Members.

- ▶ New language added concerning Board Liaison assignment and removal criteria.
- ▶ Rewrite for Article XI to clarify Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
- ▶ Adopt changes to the requirements for committee members to include Board approved non-members (non-voting) being appointed to committees. Specific conditions and restrictions for approval of non-members to Board sanctioned committees.

The Bylaws require review every two years and if circumstances warrant then changes are proposed. All changes to the Bylaws require a vote of the Members. Adoption of Bylaws are by written Ballot, provided in the Annual Meeting of Members Packet, and upon affirmative vote of sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast by Members Eligible to Vote. Contact the ECIA Office, **(505) 466-4248**, if there are questions. ~Election Committee

## Large Turnout for 2018 Draft Budget

On a brisk night last December 6, more than 70 lots owners crammed into the Railroad Building to attend an open forum covering the ECIA's draft budget for 2018. Historically, this was an unprecedented number for this type of meeting. In years past this annual

draft budget preview meeting has attracted less than a handful of interested observers.

The causes for the much larger than unusual audience was understandable. First, the draft budget contains an increase from **\$465 to \$525, a \$65 increase** in our yearly assessments. **CONTINUED ON PG. 4**



# F&G Update: Landscaping

The ECIA Facilities and Grounds Committee (F&G) has now been in existence for about ten years. About seven years ago, F&G decided the community center needed to provide a formal approach to improving the surrounding landscaping. Out of that vision sprang the **Landscape Ad Hoc sub-committee**, a subset of F&G consisting of residents who had an interest in beautifying the area. Members have come and gone but are currently **David Lovro, SuAnne Johnson, Obie Oberhausen, Michael Johnson, and Diana Gutierrez.**

The vision was to create, as part of a 5-year plan, a drought-tolerant, sustainable and thriving high desert landscape that exemplified and supported our thriving community. In the first plan year, 2013, work began on landscape and lighting improvements in the breezeway and patio areas. The Cactus Garden project was also started then. In subsequent years...

- ▼ **2014**—graded/contoured the arrival is land, started installation of an irrigation system, began planting; expanded the cactus garden.
- ▼ **2015**—planted shrubs/trees in the island area, along with placement of steel edging and gravel mulch. Prepped soil and

seeded buffalo grass lawn. Began the commemorative tree program where residents could buy a tree for the island.

- ▼ **2016**—purchased and planted large annual planting pots around the CC. Replaced two large cottonwoods at the Depot Building with new shade trees. Completed planting of the entry island.
- ▼ **2017**— developed the plan for plantings outside the pool walls and dog park area. The plan will be implemented once repairs are made to the dog park fence.

Over the next couple of years, attention will be focused on additional plantings at the entry and in the “triangle” as well as the southeastern corner of the acreage. KUDOS to this wonderful group of volunteers whose collective green thumbs have enriched the attractiveness of the CC grounds.

In addition to Landscape, F&G has the ad hoc sub-committee representing the Dog Park, the Pool, and the Hike-Bike trails. Each consist of regular users who were organized to represent the interests of all users of those amenities in F&G deliberations. Activities of these important people will be described in future VISTAS articles.

~F&G Committee

## Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on Monday, December 18, 2017. Members present were President **John Henriksen**, Vice-President **Antone Forneris**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez** and Directors **Pam Henline, David McDonald** and **Jody Price**. The following formal actions were unanimously approved by the Board:

- ▼ Motion to approve Election Committee/Board 2018 ECIA Bylaws Proposal.
- ▼ Motion to approve Election Committee 2018 Nomination Petition Package.
- ▼ Motion to approve Heads Up Landscape contract.
- ▼ Motion approving guidelines for the purchase of new maintenance truck.
- ▼ Motion to appoint Peggy Cooke to the Environmental Ad Hoc Committee.
- ▼ Motion to adopt the 2018 ECIA Operating Budget.

- ▼ Motion to approve instructions to the Association’s Controller to transfer \$30,000 from the Operating Budget to the Capital Reserve Fund.
- ▼ Motion to approve instructions to the Association’s Controller to use the amount transferred at the end of 2017 from the Operating Budget to the Replacement Reserve Fund to adjust any remaining 2017 Operating Budget surplus or deficit to \$0.
- ▼ Motion to appoint Fred Miller to the Finance Committee.
- ▼ Motion to appoint Todd Handy to the Finance Committee.
- ▼ Motion to accept Michael McDowell’s resignation from the Board of Directors and resolution thanking him for his service to the ECIA.
- ▼ The election of Jody Price as the Board Secretary.
- ▼ Resolution thanking Gloria Silva for her service to the ECIA.

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Architecture:  
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Conservation: **Jim Daniel**

Election: **Bette Knight**

Facilities & Grounds:  
**Lee Onstott (acting chair)**

Finance: **Sal Monaco**

Information: **Gershon Siegel**

Roads: **Felicia Probert**

Stable: **Open**

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820-CNTY (2689)

# Budget Continued from pg. 2

For those on a fixed income, \$60 seems a considerable jump. Second, days before the forum, a false rumor had been spreading on the social platform, *NextDoor Eldorado*. It asserted that the ECIA's management company, HOAMCO, was hiring an assistant general manager in order to allow the general manager to work from her home.

As is usual with public meetings, signup sheets were made available for those wishing to speak during the open forum segment. While more than twenty people did sign up to make comments to the Board regarding its budget, a majority of those decided not to do so when the time came. A number of those folks remarked that their concerns had been addressed by previous speakers.

Early in the meeting a number of those involved in the draft budget's creation explained the steps they had taken to craft it. After their remarks, the speakers fielded questions from the audience. Board President, **John Henriksen** told the gathering that there were "good operational reasons" for the creation of an assistant general manager. While defending the newly created position, Henriksen also debunked the *NextDoor* "working from home" rumor as well.

In a firm yet cordial manner, Henriksen moderated the standing-room-only, sometimes tense meeting. He introduced

Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, General Manager **Isabel Ugarte** and Finance Committee Chair **Sal Monaco**. Gutierrez outlined the budget process while Ugarte explained her part in looking at the rate of cost increases to the ECIA over the past three years in order to project costs for the upcoming one.

Monaco explained how the Budget Committee measures the reserve fund level that the ECIA must maintain if it is to be fiscally responsible. Typically, this means looking down the road five years or more at our various amenities and estimating their "useful life" and the cost of repairing and replacing them. Previous boards have not been as determined as this current ECIA Board at keeping our reserve fund at "best practice" levels.

Long-time resident and realtor **Fred Raznick**, also a member of the *Facilities and Grounds Committee*, ran down assessment and amenity comparisons with surrounding subdivisions. Given our amenities and our rising property values, it was Raznick's conclusion that "Eldorado is priced quite well." As a side note, Raznick recognized that the community does have people on fixed incomes, expressing his belief that the ECIA should make payment plan arrangements for those who need them.

~Gershon Siegel



## Recycling your Trees

A live tree can be recycled for mulch at ECIA on the **31st of January thru February 2nd**. The drop off location will be where the old rental house used to be. The area will be marked. Please remember to remove all ornaments and lights.

### January Haiku

New year: big new smile.  
Always problems in your  
life—  
but face positive.

### Library News and Events

**(Note:** Most events take place in the Meeting Room and are free of charge, unless noted otherwise.)

**Book Donation Day:** First Saturday of the month: January 6 and February 3, from 9 - 11:30 am only.

**Medicare Information Program:** Monday, January 8, 10:30 am – 1 pm: What to do if you missed a Medicare deadline for enrollment in Parts B, C, or D; learn how to get enrolled (better late than never.) A certified benefits counselor from the "New Mexico Dept. of Aging" can answer your questions.

**Family Movie Night:** January 12 and February 9, 7 pm. Call for titles and rating.

**Physics for Everyone with Robert Henderson:** Thursday, January 18, 12:30 pm

**Medicare Information Program:** Monday, Jan. 22, 10:30 am – 1 pm: Learn what "free" tests and programs are available with Medicare A and B or C, and how to take advantage of what is offered. A certified benefits counselor from the New Mexico Dept. of Aging can answer your questions.

**All Ages Chess:** Friday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm. All ages and skill levels are welcomed. Children under 12 must be registered by a parent.

**After School Reading Club:** begins January 31. For kids in grades K - 4. Meeting every

Wednesday 3 – 4:30 pm. Registration is required and spaces are limited.

**Story Time:** meets Friday mornings at 11 am. Stories and crafts for toddler and preschool age.

~Tracy Mitchell

### Eldorado Arts & Crafts News

The Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association (EACA) is looking forward to the New Year with exciting opportunities for Eldorado area artists. In early January we will be accepting applications for the **27th Annual Eldorado Studio Tour to be held on May 19–20, 2018**, with an opening reception on May 18. Application packets will be sent to current members via email at the beginning of the year. New members are also encouraged to join and participate in the largest studio tour in New Mexico.

To obtain an application, after the beginning of January, contact [eldoradoarts@gmail.com](mailto:eldoradoarts@gmail.com) applications are due by Jan. 22. More details are available at [www.eldoradoarts.org](http://www.eldoradoarts.org).

Also in January, the EACA general members' meeting is being held on **January 25 from 7 - 9 pm** at the Eldorado Community Center. This is the group's annual business meeting where the EACA board is elected for 2018. Newly joined members, or those thinking about joining, are encouraged to attend and meet other Eldorado area artists.



**Family Movie Night**  
Jan. 12 @ the Library



### Community Yoga @ ECIA

Five weekly classes are offered for Eldorado residents by the two "Eldorado Yoga for Every Body" certified instructors – Mary Horst and Julia Cairns.

There are three different class styles and ability levels offered: Yin Yoga, Gentle Stretch/Slow Flow, and Vinyasa Flow. **The Yin** class is scheduled from 5:30 – 6:45 pm on Monday evenings. Yin is a more slow-paced practice in which the postures are held for longer periods of time with emphasis on the connective tissues of the body (tendons, fascia, and ligaments). The aim of Yin is to increase circulation in the joints and to improve flexibility. Beginners – Intermediate level students benefit from incorporating Yin into their yoga routines.

The **Gentle Stretch/Slow Flow** class meets on Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 10:15am and is targeted for learning and practicing the basic yoga postures, stretching the body, and activating breath work techniques. Finally, the **Vinyasa Flow** class meets on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00-10:15 am and is an active sequencing of postures for those familiar to yoga. For more information, go to:

[eldoradoyogaforeverybody.com](http://eldoradoyogaforeverybody.com)

# January 2018 Events

## Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email [chandy@hoamco.com](mailto:chandy@hoamco.com) 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!

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS\*\*\*\*

Architecture Committee	Tues., Jan. 9,	7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architecture Committee	Tues., Jan. 23,	7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Session	Thurs., Jan. 18,	4-6 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Jan. 2,	7-9 pm	Jim Daniel	(609) 941-4527	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Mon., Jan. 22,	7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Election Committee	Wed., Jan. 10,	2-4 pm	Bette Knight	466-4248	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., Jan. 3,	3-5 pm	David Lovro	466-0540	CFR
Finance Committee	Mon., Jan. 15,	9:30-11:30 am	Sal Monaco	690-5125	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., Jan. 23,	7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	FR
Road Committee	Mon., Jan. 8	6-8 pm	Felicia Probert	466-1563	RR
Stable Committee	TBA		Bonnie Mamp	eldoradostables@gmail.com	F

### MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS / BIMONTHLY

Cub Scout Den 414	1st & 2nd Wed	6-7-pm	Will Scoberg	karlwscoberg@aol.com	CR
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 pm	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net	LR
Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tues. of month,	4-6 pm	Sue Daniel	(856) 220-7087	CFR
Healing Arts Practitioners	2nd Tues.,	4-5:30 pm	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	Sun.,	5:15-6:15 pm			La Tienda
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed.,	7-9 pm	Karl Cordova	karl_cordova747@msn.com	RR, CR, LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri.,	1-4:30 pm	Shirley Davis	982-6179	LR
Creative Movement for Kids	Tues.,	3:30-4:30pm	Teresa Schwarz	428.0832	CR
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
Interval Training	Wed.,	9 am	Susan Kayar	204-8290	Max Coll CC
Interval Training	Fri.,	8:30 am	Susan Kayar	204-8290	Max Coll CC
Knitting Club	Tues.,	10-12 noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
Life Drawing	Mon.,	10-12 noon	Mavis Murphy	466-8189	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		466-1039	Sr Center
Spinning Group (Fiber)	1st & 3rd Thurs.,	9:30-11:30 am	Ellen Higgins	970-201-4776	LR
Square Dancing	Fri.,	6:30-9 pm	Connie Walters	466-4226	Max Coll CC
Yin Yoga	Mon.,	5:30-6:45 pm	Julia Cairns	466-1935	CR
Yoga/Vinyasa Flow	Tues.,	9-10:15 am	Julia Cairns	466-1935	CR
Yoga/Gentle Stretch	Wed.,	9-10:15 am	Mary Horst	490-2790	CR
Yoga/ Gentle Stretch	Thurs.,	9-10:15 am	Mary Horst	490-2790	CR
Yoga/Vinyasa Flow	Fri.,	9-10:15 am	Julia Cairns	466-1935	CR
Yoga for Healing	Mon. & Fri.,	9:30-10:45 am	Maureen O'Brien	216-0807	Sr Center
Zumba	Tues. & Thurs.,	9-10 am	Tana Monaco	690-4332	Max Coll CC

\* Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

\*\*\* Reservations required

\*\*\*\* Check the ECIA website for the most accurate dates/times

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org)

# Lifeguards Needed for the ECIA Pool 2018 Season

KELSAE PEDERSON

**E**CIA is in need of Lifeguards for the 2018 pool season. Classes to become a certified lifeguard are offered at the *Santa Fe Community College* starting **February 9, 2018**, and **February 23, 2018**.

Classes are also being offered at *Fort Marcy/Salvador Perez*. Please contact instructor Jose Miramontes: (505) 501-5589 or [jose.miramontes110@gmail.com](mailto:jose.miramontes110@gmail.com)

My family and I moved to Eldorado when I was two and every summer since, countless hours have been spent at the Eldorado pool. My parents took advantage of the swim lessons that were offered by the lifeguards for my sister and I. When I was old enough to find a job I knew that I wanted to work at the pool that I grew up going to. I took my first lifeguarding class at the age of 15 and this next summer will be my 13th summer working at the pool.

Lifeguarding has given me the opportunity to learn how to be a leader while working as a team. Each person who becomes a lifeguard knows the importance of being able to effectively lead a team to perform a save while also knowing the importance of being able to take directions from the first person responding to an emergency. As a lifeguard, lifesaving techniques are not the only skills gained, other skills gained are customer service, leadership skills, and the feeling of helping your community.

**If you or your teenager is interested in becoming a lifeguard**, what you can expect for the entrance exam and then in the class is as followed: participants must be at least 15 years of age, swimming 300 yards of front crawl (freestyle) and breaststroke non-stop, treading for 2 minutes without the use of your hands, retrieving a 10 pound brick from 7 to 10 feet and then swimming 20 yards while holding with both hands and keeping the face near or at the surface, swim goggles are not allowed. If you pass the prerequisites

participants will be required to attend all session totaling 25 hours. In the sessions participants will learn a variety of rescues, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and first aid. Before completing the class, participants will need to pass a scenario based test as well as a written exam.

The Eldorado pool is a wonderful place to work for a summer job as a teen in high school or for those who are home for the summer from college. Our lifeguards enjoy coming back year after year because of the connections made on staff and with the community. We are looking forward to the 2018 summer season with all of you.

Please remember to help your lifeguards with safety at the pool by following all pool rules.

See you in May,

*Kelsae Pederson, ECIA Pool Manager*



ECIA Pool Lifeguards 2017

## Snow Removal Operations in Eldorado

**I**f we haven't seen snow by the time this article goes to print, hopefully we will be blessed with some of the white stuff soon. While the moisture is much needed, we don't welcome the challenges that come with driving on snow covered roads. To make our winter driving experience better, the Santa Fe County crews that are responsible for clearing our roads go to work at 4am. Snow plow trucks with salt/cinders are deployed on the paved roads while motor graders work the unpaved roads. Priority is given to high volume major and minor arterial roads first followed by collector then local roads. Internal subdivision roads are a lower priority. If a storm persists, the county crews will con-

tinue to address the major and minor arterials before moving on to collector and local roads. Depending on the depth of snow, unpaved roads may not be plowed, and snow may be left to provide moisture for road grading after the snow melts. Crews will work an average of 10-12 hour shifts with snow removal operations ceasing around 8:00 or 9:00PM and resuming at 4:00AM the next morning if necessary.

The priority roads in Eldorado are the arterial roads including: Avenida Amistad, Avenida Vista Grande, Avenida Eldorado, Avenida Torreon, Avenida Monte Alto, Caliente Road, Avenida de Compadres, and Avenida Casa del Oro, followed by the collector roads **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**



# Accomplishments and Goals

## ELDORADO 285 RECYCLES

When I first joined this group, I came home after a meeting and told my husband, “These guys are nuts!” They were proud to announce they’d collected hundreds of toothbrushes, a thousand pens, dozens of tennis shoes, many yards of Christmas lights, and a flotilla of bottle corks. I thought to myself, I could never ask these guys over to my house. **Joe Eigner** would probably want to go through my trash bin as a sort of initiation. Yes, this group is passionate about recycling and happy to talk trash with you.

▼ **Our goal for 2017** was to make every event held at ECIA totally recyclable and/or compostable. We started with the 4th of July event. That is, no more Styrofoam cups and plates. We talked with the vendors and with the help of **Reunity Resources**, all food waste and utensils were collected for composting. During the **Library’s Ice Cream Social, Eldorado 285 Recycles** was there with three stations, ready to collect food waste, and bowls and spoons. The only thing that caused a little anxiety was the straws. We were determined to continue with the **Fire Department’s BBQ**. We spoke with them and they were on board.

Our group has helped the county reopen and improve

the **ReUse Center** at the Eldorado Convenience Center. On a weekly basis, Eldorado 285 Recycles volunteers are there keeping recycled materials organized and attractive so the “patrons” will take something home for free and keep it out of the landfill!

Are you interested in recycling food waste at home and easily creating an amendment for your garden? Eldorado 285 Recycles has installed 150 worm-composting systems in Eldorado and along the 285 Corridor. Fruit and vegetable waste is fed to your worms and is transformed into nutrient-rich compost.

▼ **Our goals for 2018** are more zero waste events (public and private), more local homes with backyard composting, increased recycling with less contamination at the Convenience Center (and at curbside), and changing our “use it once and toss it” habits that waste water, energy, and resources (and money).

If you are interested in knowing more about this group and learning a little more about recycling, visit one of our meetings the **second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM** in the ECIA Conference Room. It’s a really fun group to be a part of and yes, we’re nuts about recycling.

~DiAna Gutierrez for Eldorado 285 Recycles

# Renting a Home in Eldorado

With an increasing trend of homeowners renting out their homes in Eldorado, the ECIA over the past few years has noticed an increase in violations of the *Covenants and Guidelines* which are due directly from actions of the tenants, and not the owners of the home. These violations range from barking or roaming dogs to uncovered RV’s and trailers.

This increase in tenant caused violations—we believe—is due in part to the increase in short terms rentals (through companies such as Airbnb), as well as the fact that many homeowners (who are often absentee landlords) are not doing an adequate job of screening their tenants or informing them that Eldorado is a covenant controlled community, and that they (as tenants) are required to respect and follow the Eldorado Covenants, as well as the *Eldorado Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions*.

To clarify the responsibilities of both parties, with respect to *Eldorado’s Governing Documents*, the following should be read and understood:

▼ It is the responsibility of the homeowner (or property manager), who is renting their home, to properly screen their tenants to ensure that they will be responsible tenants and will respect and abide by the *Eldorado Covenants and Guidelines*. As well, it is imperative that the Homeowner

(or Property Manager) provide their tenants with a copy of the *Eldorado Covenants and Guidelines*, before they rent out their home, to ensure that the tenant is aware of their responsibility to live in harmony with their neighbors and within the requirements of these legal and binding documents.

▼ It is the responsibility of any tenants in Eldorado to read and follow the *Eldorado Covenants and Guidelines* that they have been provided by the owner. This will ensure that they are not in violation of the Covenants and/or Guidelines. Should any tenant have specific questions about these documents we ask that they call us at the ECIA for clarification. Tenants should also keep in mind that they cannot make any kind of exterior changes to the property (such as adding a shed or building a fence) without the owner of the home first coming to the ECIA for architecture review and approval.

These important documents can be found on our website: [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org). Should any homeowners or tenants have any questions about the ECIA they are encouraged to call the ECIA at: **466-4248**.

~ECIA Architecture and Covenant Compliance Coordinator,  
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<https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>

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and paved local roads including Avenida Azul, Herrada Road, Verano Loop, Camerada Road, and Encantado Loop.

Eldorado's 28 miles of paved and 52 miles of unpaved roads make up just 14 percent of the 563 miles of roads the County is responsible for maintaining. Depending on the area, duration, and frequency of snow storms, the task of clearing roads across the county can be a big one. When snow is forecasted or when it comes, residents are encouraged to allow extra time to navigate the roads. Or if a trip to town can wait, please hold off to give the road crews more time to get the roads in shape. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Residents can call the **Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) at 428-3720** to report a non-emergency snow related concern. Residents should call 911 for life threatening emergencies.

*~Felicia Probert, ECIA Road Committee Chair*



## Board Actions Continued from pg. 2

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be a Working session on **January 18, 2018, at 4 PM**, in the Community Center Classroom. On **December 22, 2018, at 7 PM**, the Board will conduct its regular meeting in the Railroad Room at the Community Center.

Regular Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Community Center and are open to the public. An open forum and community announcements are normally included. Complete minutes and agendas are available at the ECIA office or on the website: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org).



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