

# Vistas



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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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## Come Enjoy Eldorado’s Many Amenities

With summer just around the corner, it’s the perfect time for residents to come out and use one or more of the many amenities that Eldorado has to offer. The pool will be opening at the end of May; there are 13 miles of hike & bike trails, and there are also many miles of trails to be hiked in the 4,000-acre preserve. There are also basketball courts, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoes, playgrounds and the dog park.

The board has recently approved a request for grounds material and temporary fencing for the multi-purpose field, which is starting to be used by little leaguers. At the most recent facilities and grounds meeting a request to paint and acquire netting for four pickleball courts to be set up at the basketball courts was approved. This most recent request for pickleball courts reflects on how community input, discussion, and process can be successful.



These buildings and services were funded by the State/County and operated by the County as well as volunteer groups from within our community.

The Eldorado Community was also very fortunate to have \$100,000 funded by the State in the 2018 Legislative Session to the County for Eldorado Hike & Bike Trails.

For those who don’t use any of the amenities mentioned above: I hope you will view them as an investment in our community and when you’re selling your home that the potential buyer weighs them favorably in their decision-making process.

All of these items mentioned don’t happen without volunteer involvement in the ECIA committees and the coordinated efforts of the ECIA Board with the County and our local State politicians. Photos by Jack Arnold.

~Joseph Gutierrez



Other amenities and services within the Eldorado Community that have not been funded directly by the community, but are well used and much appreciated are as follows:

- ▼ Ken & Patty Adam Senior Center.
- ▼ Max Coll Community Center.
- ▼ Eldorado Fire Station #1 Avenida Vista Grande.
- ▼ Eldorado Fire Station #2 Avenida Vista Grande.



**ECIA Board Meeting, Community Center Railroad Bldg. Wednesday, June 27, 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 **2nd Tuesday** of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the editor, Courteney Handy at her office at ECIA or emailed 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.

## Message From the Board

As the new board president, I would like to introduce myself. My name is **David McDonald**, and I've been on the ECIA Board of Directors for a little over a year now, after serving on the architecture committee for 7 years. Last month my fellow directors elected me to be board president, and I take that position very seriously. My priorities will be to promote transparency and to improve communication between Eldorado residents and the board, staff, and each other.

As I looked back over the "wish list" in my Candidate's Statement from a year ago, I find that the issues are mostly the same today. I envision a community where:

- ▼ We live side by side with each other in harmony and respect one another's right to their point of view, whether we agree or not and that we engage in courteous, thoughtful dialogue and discussion about our differing points of view.
- ▼ All residents feel they have a voice and a clear avenue to express it.
- ▼ More young people and women become involved in the ECIA decision-making process.
- ▼ All residents feel that the ECIA is working for them and that they are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the process at whatever level is best for them.

There seems to be even more discord and acrimony in the community today than there was a year ago. I intend to do everything I can as board president to promote the above goals and to get this community back on the right track. The board is currently working on several issues to facilitate this:

1. The issue of the County using Recycled Asphalt Pavement on our roads has brought together a group of residents to present their views to the community. There have been several clashes at board and committee meetings where people have not felt heard or responded to appropriately. This has led to an atmosphere of mistrust of the board and misinterpretation of our motives by some in the community. We are working on a plan to bring together all sides of the controversy, as well as Santa Fe County, to give everyone an opportunity to present information and then determine how best to proceed.
2. There have been several incidents at open forum sessions where the participants have not

felt heard or appropriately responded to. We will be creating a separate informal meeting, "The Community Open Discussion Group," to facilitate better communication between the board and residents. The first meeting will be Thursday, **June 7** from **6:00 to 7:30 pm** in the ECIA Classroom.

3. There will still be an open forum session after the regular board meetings for those who would like to make a statement on the record. These statements will be timed with a digital application on an iPad tablet that will be visible to the presenters and will give an audible warning at one minute and thirty seconds before their time is up.

4. We will be setting up informal opportunities for residents to interact one-on-one with board members spontaneously. These would occur in such settings as a table at the Friday Farmers Market, or at the Senior Center.

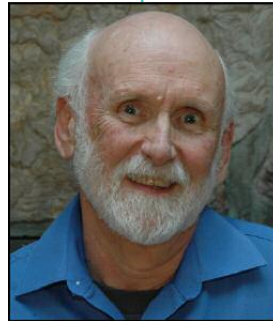
If you have other suggestions, please feel free to get in touch with me by email at [d.mcdonald@eldoradosf.org](mailto:d.mcdonald@eldoradosf.org), or, if you see me around Eldorado stop me and let me know your ideas for improving our community. I'm always ready to listen and respond to your concerns.

I would like to acknowledge previous board members **Antone Forneris**, **David Yard**, and **John Henriksen**, for their hard work and service to make Eldorado a better place to live. All of us on the board have different talents and strengths and different areas with which we struggle. No one is perfect, but I can assure you that the motives and intent of every single person with whom I've served over the past year are honorable and that each has the best interests of Eldorado at heart.

Lastly, I want to welcome **Claudia Ahlstrom** and **Emily McCormick** to the board - I already enjoy working with them. They have shown initiative in picking up their board and committee duties and are hitting the ground running. They bring a diversity of youth and gender that has already positively impacted the board culture.

We are all part of the **Eldorado Community Association** working towards **Improvement** of our lives in **Association** with one other. I look forward to working with the board and all the ECIA residents to move the conversation in our community ahead in a positive, collaborative, civil direction.

~David McDonald, Board President





## Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018**. Members present were President **David McDonald**, Vice-President **Claudia Ahlstrom**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, Director **Pam Henline**, Director **Emily McCormick** and Secretary **Jody Price**. The following formal actions were reviewed and passed by the board:

- ▼ Motion to approve a variance for a shed at 83 Herrada to be located in excess of 15 feet from the residence with proper screening. (Vice-President Ahlstrom abstained).
- ▼ Motion to approve a new ECIA Notary Policy to have a Notary Public on staff who will notarize documents for residents if they make an appointment, bring all the necessary documents and identification, and bring the appropriate witnesses.

▼ Motion to approve a new waiver form to be used for conservation work on the trails and all other volunteer work.

▼ Motion to approve the construction by staff of an additional entrance to the dog park at the northeast corner to avoid congestion at the pool entrance during the summer.

Seven residents spoke at the open forum on a variety of topics that the board addressed briefly and referred them as appropriate for action.

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be a working session on **June 21, at 4 pm**, in the Community Center Classroom. On **June 27, at 7 pm**, the board will conduct its regular meeting in the railroad room at the Community Center. ECIA board meetings are open to the public. Complete minutes and agendas are available at the ECIA office or on the website: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org).

## Community Open Discussion Group

The first meeting of the Community Open Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, **June 7 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** in the ECIA Classroom. This is an opportunity for residents and members of the board of directors to meet in an informal setting. All participants will sit together as neighbors to offer suggestions about how to improve our lives here in Eldorado.

Board members will not be there to offer their personal opinions, but rather to listen, answer questions about what the board is doing to address issues and to ensure that comments and suggestions are directed to the appropriate committee or board task force. If board members don't know the answers to residents' questions, they will com-

mit to finding the answers and letting them know what they've found within a reasonable amount of time. This will allow residents' feedback to be considered at the working session which occurs later in the month, thereby providing input to the board earlier in the decision-making process.

After our initial meeting on **June 7**, we will meet on the second Thursday of each month, starting on **July 12 at 6:00 pm** in the ECIA Classroom. We will be giving this a shot for a couple of months on a trial basis in the hope that it facilitates better communication between the board and the community. Please join us.

~ECIA Board

## Bittersweet Farewell

We regret to announce the resignation of Director **John Henriksen** from the ECIA Board of Directors. His hard work and dedication to the Eldorado Community as a whole, as well as to the ECIA and the staff will be sorely missed. We thank him for his many contributions to improvements in the community and wish him and his family all the best in his future endeavors. All residents who are members in good standing

are encouraged to apply to fill Mr. Henriksen's seat on the ECIA Board of Directors to serve the remainder of his term of approximately 1 year, ending May 2019. If interested, please send a candidate statement, photo, and resume to the general manager **Isabel Ugarte** at [iugarte@hoamco.com](mailto:iugarte@hoamco.com).

~ECIA Board and Staff

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### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Vista Grande Library**  
466-READ  
**Fire and Rescue**  
466-1204  
[eldoradofireandrescue.org](http://eldoradofireandrescue.org)  
**County All Purpose**  
820-CNTY (2689)



# Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**W**ish someone could lend a hand from time to time? Santa Fe Neighbors/Vecinos de Santa Fe came into existence to help people over 55 live safely and independently in their own homes as they age. The all-volunteer, non-profit group is part of the Village to Village Network ([vtvnetwork.org](http://vtvnetwork.org)), which started as a grass-roots experiment in Boston in 2001. Now it numbers around 200 groups across the country. Santa Fe Neighbors is expanding to establish a volunteer support group for local Eldorado residents. They also want to let anybody in Eldorado who might need their services know who they are and what they can provide.

As a volunteer, you might give a neighbor a ride to a medical appointment, take them grocery shopping, or run a couple of errands. If you are handy, you might help with light repairs, such as fixing a doorknob. Walking the dogs is always appreciated, or putting out the trash bins. A little gardening could help somebody no longer able to stoop so easily. Qualified volunteers with tech skills could help with minor computer glitches, or figure out what happened when the cell phone acts up. Once in a while, people

like for somebody to look in on them. Great friendships have come out of this experience.

Volunteers pitch in as their time allows, and requests for help are scheduled in advance. The benefits bring peace of mind and more security for members, and for volunteers, the satisfaction of knowing they are building a stronger Eldorado community.

For more information, go to [santafeneighbors.org](http://santafeneighbors.org). Training is provided. For membership inquiries for yourself, your parents, or someone you know, please contact Linda Duritz at [lingil@santafeneighbors.org](mailto:lingil@santafeneighbors.org). It all depends on volunteers to make this work.



## Meet and Greet

Meet **Jarratt Applewhite**, nonpartisan candidate for House District 50, **June 7** in the ECIA Railroad Room, 5:30-7 pm. Come share your concerns, issues and questions. Learn how political independence can revitalize our democracy. No fundraising, no tired stump speech, but drinks and snacks.

## Eldorado Community Pool

**Phone:** 505-466-4249

**Hours of Operation:** Lap Swim: M-F 7:30-10 am, Sat-Sun 8-10 am.

**Recreation Swim:** Daily 10 am-8 pm; June and July Saturdays until 9:00 pm. 3 Lap Lanes offered: open until 10 am and 6 pm to close, 2 lap lanes all day.

\*\*Pool will close at 5 pm on **July 4**\*\*Come get your pool pass 8-7 pm Mon-Fri or 8-5 pm Sat. Lifeguards needed. Apply at ECIA now: 466-4248.

## Library News and Events

Thank you to everyone who supported your local library during the Spring Book Sale, whether you were a shopper, a volunteer, or a book donor. The sale was a big success and all the funds raised will help support purchasing new materials, as well as operations and programs at the library.

**The Summer Reading Programs** have begun. The theme this year is "Libraries Rock!" - Expect lots of music, rocks, and other fun. The Big Kickoff Party on June 1 features a concert by Andy Mason. On June 5, Curious Chris the Singing Scientist will perform. The Summer Reading Club will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm. Kids of all ages can sign up for the Summer Reading Contest. And families can enjoy a Tuesday Matinee every week at 2 pm starting June 12. All great ways to escape the heat and boredom of summer! Please check the website ([www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org)) or come by to learn more.

**Summer Fling Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction Fundraiser:** Put this popular family-friendly event on your calendar! Sunday, August 12, 1 to 4:30 pm.

**Important Dates:** Note: Events take place in the Meeting Room to the right of the main entrance unless noted otherwise.

**Summer Reading Kickoff:** Friday, June 1, 11 am. Free Concert, giveaways, and food. Register for Summer Reading Club and Contest!

**Book Donation Days:** June 2 & July 7, 9 to 11:30 am only. Bring gently used, clean and in good condition, adult and children's books, DVDs and audiobooks on CD (in bags or boxes that you don't need back, please).

**Curious Chris the Singing Scientist:** Tuesday, June 5, 2 to 3 pm. Free event for families.

**Summer Reading Club:** Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 3 pm. Free; Registration required.

**Family Movie Nights:** Fridays, June 8 and July 13, 7 pm. Call 505-466-7323 for titles and rating. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.

**Family Tuesday Matinees:** Tuesdays, June 12, 19 and 26, 2 pm. Call 505-466-7323 for titles and rating. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.

**Grown Up Movie Night:** June 22, 7 pm. Screening of Oscar-winning film. About WWII, best to the leave the little ones at home. Free admission and popcorn. Call for title and rating.

**Special Program:** Saturday, June 9, at 1 pm. Vista Grande Public Library in cooperation with Pecos National Park presents Jeremy Moss: "The Archaeology of Pecos: Myth, Mystery, and Cultural Continuity."

**Alzheimer's Café:** Monday, June 11, 2 to 4 pm

**Presentation:** Tuesday, June 26, 7 pm. Nelson Bonner will give a talk on climate change, why some organizations are opting to sue and what suing over climate change means

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

**All Ages Chess:** meets Friday afternoons, 3 pm. All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

**June 1-29 Art Exhibition:** "Trees" - Joan Conchetti Biordi photography; meet the artist June 1 from 4 to 6 pm in the VGPL Gallery Space

**Eldorado Genealogy Group:** meets last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 to 8 pm.

~Tracey Mitchell, Vista Grande Public Library

## Happenings Along the 285

### Eldorado Classes & Lectures (Highlights)

**Web Design for the Artist** — In conjunction with the Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association, this class is tailored to the specific needs of artisans. Graphic designer Taura Costidis will guide the class through the core elements of design, and will focus on functional and stunning websites. Monday, June 11, 6:45 pm, ECIA Railroad room.

**How Music Hangs Together** — Master musician Rusty Cruthcher offers an analysis of "Death and Transfiguration (Tod und Verk-lärung), Op. 24," by Richard Straus. No musical theory background is required. Thursday, June 26 at 6:45 pm, ECIA Railroad room.

Fire codes limit seating. Details and pre-registration for these and many other EC&L events at: [www.EldoradoCandL.com](http://www.EldoradoCandL.com).

### La Tienda

**Eldorado Farmer's Market** — Enjoy local fresh produce, breads, crafts, live music and schmoozing. Every Friday all summer, 3:30-6:30 pm.

~Gershon Siegel

### 4th of July Volunteers Needed!

The ECIA is looking for groups, volunteers, and individuals interested in helping with the 4th of July parade. ECIA needs you. Please contact Courtney at

[chandy@hoamco.com](mailto:chandy@hoamco.com) or 466-4248 ext. 12 to get involved.

~ECIA Staff



# June 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 5th 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 about both the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number. Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS\*\*

Architecture Committee	Tues., June 12, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	F
Architecture Committee	Tues., June 26, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	F
Board Meeting	Wed., June 23, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Board Working Session	Thurs., June 21, 4-6 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Community Open Discussion	Mon., June 4, 6-7:30 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Conservation Committee	Tues., June 5, 7-9 pm	John Reynolds	466-4248	F
Election Committee	Wed., June 13, 2-4 pm	Bette Knight	466-4248	CFR
Environ. Ad Hoc	Tues., June 5, 3-5 pm		466-4248	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., June 6, 3-5 pm	Nolan Zisman	466-0540	CFR
Finance Committee	Tues., June 18, 9:30-12 pm	Sal Monaco	690-5125	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., June 19, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Road Committee	Mon., June 25, 3-5 pm	Felicia Probert	466-1563	RR
Stable Committee	Mon., June 11, 6-8 pm	Amelia Adair	<a href="mailto:eldoradostables@gmail.com">eldoradostables@gmail.com</a>	F

### MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS / BIMONTHLY

Community Garden	3rd Tuesday of month 6-7 pm			CFR
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	<a href="mailto:phenline@comcast.net">phenline@comcast.net</a>	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	<a href="http://santafesar.org">santafesar.org</a>		VGPL

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Mon., 6:30-8:10 pm			CFR
AA	Tues., 5:45-6:45 pm			LR
AA	Wed., 6:45-8:10 pm			CFR
AA	Thurs., 6-7 pm (Women Only)			CFR
AA	Fri., 6-7 pm			RR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm			La Tienda
Adult Basketball	Thurs., 6:15-dusk			Basketball Court
Al Anon	Sat., 11-12 pm			CFR
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Karl Cordova	<a href="mailto:karl_cordova747@msn.com">karl_cordova747@msn.com</a>	RR, CR, LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Shirley Davis	982-6179	LR
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	As scheduled Mon., 10-12 noon	Mavis Murphy	466-8189	RR
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

\*\* Check the ECIA website for the most up-to-date dates/times

\*\*\* Abbreviations: CC=Community Center CFR=Conference Room, F=Foyer, LR=Living Room, RR=Railroad Room

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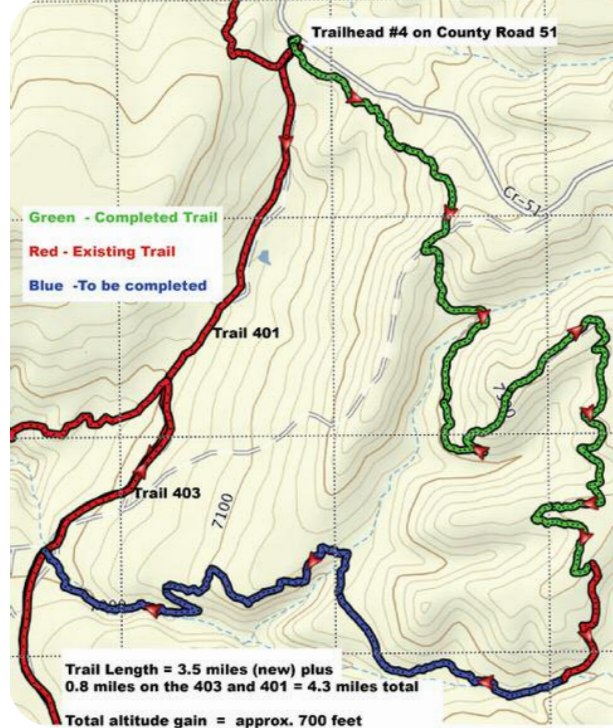
## New 404 Trail

New Eldorado Community Preserve Trail 404 nears completion!

Volunteers are fantastic, and several of our Eldorado neighbors and generous UNM volunteers have come together this spring to blaze a new and exceptionally beautiful trail on the flanks of Glorieta Mesa in the Eldorado Community Preserve.

Volunteers included the very young, young adults, and the young at heart. Many thanks to all volunteers for your efforts and the wonderful new trail.

~Conservation Committee



## Summer Road Paving Projects

Santa Fe County will be paving some of the road aprons in Eldorado where the Hike/Bike trail crosses them. This will make a smoother transition from the trails onto the road and will be a benefit to walkers as well as cyclists. This work will be done as their schedule permits. They will be doing an asphalt overlay on Ave de Compadres within the

next few weeks and may have time to pave some aprons with little or no notice. The ECIA will make every effort to notify residents as soon as we get firm dates and times from the County.

~ECIA Board

## ECIA Drone Operation Draft Policy

Over the past 2 years, the ECIA has experienced many calls from residents who have witnessed drones flying over their property, without their permission. While drones and other small unmanned aircraft are governed by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules, these rules only provide for the limited protection of our residents from unsafe drone flying practices which could result in individual or property damage. Additionally, these FAA rules do not adequately provide for the protection of our residents from excessive noise, invasion of privacy and voyeurism.

Due to the fact that Section 14 (Nuisance Clause) of the ECIA Covenants was written to prevent any activity, "which may endanger the health of, or unreasonably disturb, other lot owners, or which creates or constitutes a nuisance," the ECIA Board of Directors has drafted an ECIA Drone Operation Policy that is now up on the ECIA website at <https://tinyurl.com/ycpp3qb> for public review and comments. This policy will be on the website for 60 days, and we ask that residents review and send any comments to Mark Young at the ECIA at [myoung@hoamco.com](mailto:myoung@hoamco.com). Upon the end of the 60 day review period (June 1 to July 30), the ECIA Board will review the public comments and determine if an open public forum will be needed or not.

~Mark Young, ECIA Architecture and Covenant Compliance Coordinator





# Jiminy Cricket!

## FLORA AND FAUNA

Since coming to Eldorado a dozen summers ago, we've enjoyed hearing crickets chirp at night. Along with the regular cricket songs, we occasionally noticed a low throbbing, drum-like sound. What the heck could that be, we wondered? Then, we saw a Jerusalem cricket. A what? A strange looking creature, almost 2 inches long, with bright black eyes in a large red head atop a humped, striped body. Its face almost looked human!

There are 18 types of grasshoppers and crickets in NM. Along with grasshoppers, katydids, walking sticks, cicadas and praying mantis, crickets are members of the Orthoptera order. All of these insects have lovely musical abilities; typically the songs are made by males rubbing together special parts of their wings and legs to attract females, but all crickets can make different songs for fighting or sounding an alarm.

House crickets (16 to 22 mm long) are light yellowish-brown in color with three dark bands atop their heads. Field crickets (2.5 cm long) are brown or black. Ground crickets are brown and much smaller than other common crickets. Crickets generally prefer damp, moist conditions and they are mostly nocturnal. As omnivorous scavengers, they serve a great purpose in soil mineral renewal by breaking down plant materials. Crickets also provide food for other animals, including birds, rodents, and lizards. Although some species of crickets can fly, most crickets use their large hind legs to jump great distances when they need to move. Their songs lull us to sleep on a summer night.

Then there's the Jerusalem Cricket. Despite the name, they are not native to Jerusalem, and they are technically not a true



cricket (they are both from the Order of Orthoptera but from different families within that order, Jerusalem Cricket being from the Stenopelmatoidea family and the true cricket from the Gryllidae Family). Sometimes also called potato bugs, these wingless creatures are the subject of many myths. Unlike stories you may have heard from folktales such as "Niña de la Tierra" (Child of the Earth) they are not venomous, and they are not aggressive – although like all animals they will bite if threatened. And their bite can be painful.

Jerusalem Crickets are slow moving, with a striped humpback and a large head. They are often mistaken as spiders until you notice the number of legs. Generally nocturnal, they eat plant roots, other insects, and decaying plant matter. They burrow beneath moist soil to feed on decaying root plants, and like their cousins the praying mantis, Jerusalem females often eat their mates. The mating song is produced by beating their abdomen against the ground.

Where did they get that name? One idea is that the name Jerusalem cricket may be a mixing of Navajo and Christian words, resulting from Franciscan priests working with the Diné (Navajo) people. The Diné referred to the crickets as a "skull insect," which the priests may have thought was a reference to Calvary (also known as Skull Hill) outside Jerusalem.

Other Native American names for Jerusalem Crickets include, "Red-Skull," "Skull Insect," and the Spanish, Nino de la Tierra (Child of the Earth), and Cara de Nino (Child's face). Archived articles can be found at: <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com/flora-fauna-group/>. Photo by [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com).

## Recycling in the City and County of Santa Fe

International policy changes make local Recycling Right even more vital. Recycling Right means knowing what is recycled in our communities at the city drop-off recycling centers, County convenience centers, Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT), and what is picked up by private waste haulers chosen by County residents. Over six years ago China embarked on strengthening their recycling regulations to reduce the "contaminated" recyclables, and even more so in the fall of 2017. On January 1, 2018, China stopped taking mixed paper and mixed plastic recyclables from the United States and across the world as they improve recycling in their own country.

Experts anticipate the recycling market in China will gradually return in the next 18 to 24 months; however, with stricter standards for "clean" recyclables. Also, experts believe that other recycling markets in Asia, India, and North and South America will open as viable options. So, which recycling items should we focus on? And which items contaminate a clean recycling load?

A simple way to think about contaminants regarding recyclables is putting things together that do not belong together in

a recycling cart or bin, or that can damage recycling sorting equipment.

For example: **1.** Glass/ceramics with mixed recyclables contaminates the loads. **2.** Putting in items that are recycled elsewhere, but not in our community contaminates the loads. **3.** Putting in items we hope will be recycled contaminates the loads in our community. **4.** Tanglers, such as garden hoses, fishing line, ropes, cords, and chains, are damaging to the sorting.

So how can we work together to make our recyclables better and cleaner? Say YES to the following: **1.** Keep trash out of recyclable carts and trailers. **2.** DO NOT bag recyclables except shredded white printer paper in clear bags. **3.** If it is smaller than a postcard, it is not recyclable (clogging up sorting equipment and being missed by human pickers on the sort lines). **4.** Lightly rinse all recyclables before placing them in carts and trailers.

Focus on what are the most recyclable products in our community.

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## ECIA Celebrates 4th of July!

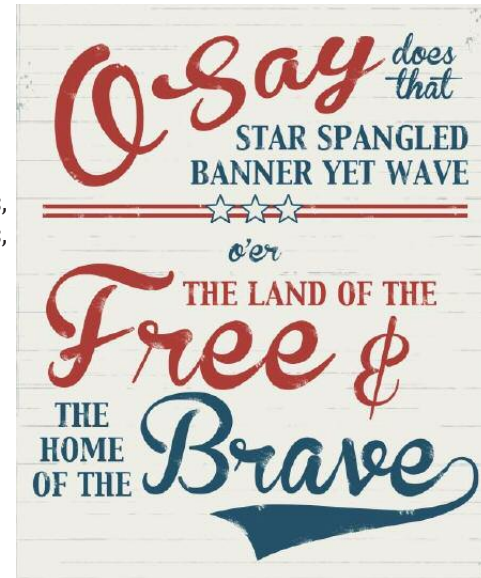
- 10:15 AM—Parade begins
- 11 AM—General event announcements
- 11:15 AM—Singing Star Spangled Banner—Swing Shift.
- 11:30 AM—Food begins: Pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs, and, for the vegetarians, veggie sandwiches and veggie hot dogs (to be served by BR Brand Catering). Water, sodas, popcorn and Otter Pops will also be available.
- 12 noon—Pool events begin: Swimming & games for kids.
- 12 noon—Music by Swing Shift.
- 4:00 PM —Events come to an end.

### Ongoing Events

- ▼ Lovedeadoo the Clown, face painting
- ▼ Paul Adams, juggler & balloon artist
- ▼ Bouncing Castles
- ▼ Sack race
- ▼ Kickball and Wiffleball
- ▼ Basketball / Tennis / Volleyball / Ping Pong

### Sports equipment provided by the ECIA:

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