

# Vistas



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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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## El Dorado Fire & Rescue Annual Community BBQ

**El Dorado Fire & Rescue Annual Community Barbeque**  
Sunday, September 16, 2018, noon to 4:00 pm, ECIA Community Center

**E**l Dorado Fire & Rescue Service is presenting its Annual Open House and Barbeque on **Sunday, September 16** from **noon until 4:00 pm**. The event will be held at the ECIA Community Center. All members of the Eldorado area community are invited to attend this free event!

The El Dorado Fire Brigade was started in 1976 when there were fewer than 400 houses in the area. Its first home was in a barn at the Eldorado Community Center. Eldorado was then designated an official fire district of Santa Fe County, and the Brigade subsequently became known as El Dorado Fire & Rescue Service. As the Eldorado area community has grown over the years, so has El Dorado Fire & Rescue Service. It is now the highest rated volunteer fire district in New Mexico.

The 100% volunteer organization has come a long way since those early days with strong community support. The volunteers strive to engage with the community through outreach and educational activities, such as this Annual Open House and BBQ and refresh their roster with continuous new volunteer recruitment. The department also invests heavily in time and funding for training certifications in both fire protection and medical care with the goal of enhanced safety, effectiveness and response times for



emergency services. Community residents are encouraged to join the group.

The Annual Open House and Barbeque is a thank-you to the community as well as an educational event. All of the service's emergency vehicles will be on display for inspection, and department members will be on hand to meet and talk with attendees throughout the event. Smokey Bear may be there too. There will be demonstrations, activities for kids and live music through the afternoon. And of course, there will be plenty of great food!

Again this year, old, unwanted fire extinguishers will be accepted for recycling. Fire extinguishers should not be put in the regular trash or taken to the Eldorado Convenience Center, as they are considered hazardous waste. They will be hauled to Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT) at the end of the day as a service to residents.

The El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service looks forward to seeing you at this traditional community gathering!

*~Vince Faust, El Dorado Fire and Rescue*



**ECIA Board Meeting, Community Center Classroom, Thursday, September 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 **3rd 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.

# Board Message: Moving Forward with HOAMCO

As most of you are probably aware, there have been some concerns about the HOAMCO management of the ECIA. This came to a head with the fraudulent use of the ECIA credit cards by a HOAMCO employee during a time when our General Manager was on sick leave. HOAMCO has taken full responsibility for the incident, and all losses incurred by the ECIA, and they are in the process of conducting a forensic audit of all financial transactions during the employee's tenure to ensure that there was no other malfeasance. A full report of that audit will be made public as soon as it is completed.

This incident alerted the HOAMCO corporate office that all was not well in our community and that they needed to address and correct several issues. The ECIA Board of Directors met with HOAMCO's Chief Operations Officer and their Vice President for New Mexico on **June 4** to discuss the credit card fraud and other issues that were brought up by the chairs of the finance and the facilities and grounds committees. These issues included concerns about project management, financial accountability, and staffing.

At the meeting, the HOAMCO senior management shared a new policy on card usage that is being implemented at all the HOA's they manage. In addition, they were very receptive to the concerns raised by the committees and agreed to put

together a Procedural Improvement Plan to address the issues and present their findings at the **June 27** Board Meeting. The proposal was accepted at that meeting as a general outline of the problems that needed to be addressed. However, the board requested a more specific task list outlining how procedural changes will be implemented and that periodic progress reports be submitted. Also, the board requested that HOAMCO corporate staff be involved in the onsite training of the new assistant general manager and the Procedural Audit. The HOAMCO senior staff have been in Eldorado numerous times over the past 6 weeks working with the ECIA staff in a very hands-on way to fulfill that agreement.

We will continue to evaluate HOAMCO as our management company over the next six to nine months as we move forward together to improve procedures, performance, communication, and transparency. The **June 20**, "Report to the Board of Directors," and the latest, "Eldorado Task List and Progress Update August 2018," are posted on the ECIA website [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org) under Resident Resources.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about HOAMCO or attend the Open Discussion Group that meets informally with Board members on the **2nd Thursday** of each month at **6 pm** in the Classroom.

*~David McDonald, President of the ECIA Board of Directors*

## Another Great Year

Kelsae Pederson is an 8th-grade history teacher and has been a lifeguard at Eldorado for the past 13 years. She has managed the Eldorado pool over the last 3 years. She attended UNM where she received two degrees one in History and one in English.

Our pool staff is comprised of college students and high school students. Members of our team attend UNM, NMSU, NM Tech, SFCC, CU Boulder, and Adams State. Our high school students attend Santa Fe High, Desert Academy, and the Masters Program at SFCC. We have our fantastic water aerobics instructor who is the new librarian at Kearny Elementary. We also have a member of our team who is a snowboard instructor. Another member of our team works with our local fire department. Each member of the team enjoys



working at our pool, and we can't wait to be back next summer.

*~Kelsae Pederson, Eldorado Pool Manager*



## New ECIA Board Applicants

The ECIA has received three (3) applications for the three open board seats. All three applicants are well qualified and we as a community, are blessed to have these residents submit themselves to volunteer to serve our community. Their statements and photographs will be posted on our website for you to learn more about each of them. If you have any questions you would like the board to consider during the interview process, please submit them to [j.price@eldoradosf.org](mailto:j.price@eldoradosf.org). Statements are verbatim as submitted by the candidates at the time of application and have not been edited.

**Bernardo Monserrat:** I have been a resident in good standing at Eldorado neighborhood for the past 27 years. I have substantial board experience, and now I wish to give back to the association for the many years that it has served me.

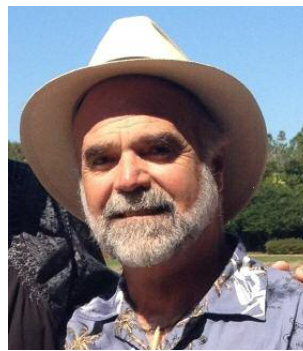
**Melicent D'Amore:** Recently, and too often, I've heard the term, "I'm only a volunteer." As a member of our community I'm offering my services in undertaking the position of Director because I believe I am qualified and can contribute in an honest and forthright manner.

Public awareness and access to our Board's meetings and decision making are necessary to maintain a healthy relationship for all involved.

**Todd Handy:** As an experienced board member of 3 different HOA's for the past 36 years, I have worked in several different environments including self-managed, as well as the incorporating the use of a management company; having converted to and from both formats back and forth.

I see the ECIA situation as one needing to take command of the operations to see that "we get what we are paying for." I am not against HOAMCO, or any other management company, but things need to be less reactionary, and only putting out fires, but be more proactive and having fire preventions in place. That is why we hired a management company.

The board needs to recognize it's role in the community as leaders and representatives of our neighbors and fellow residents in regards to safety, prosperity and relationships with various outside, and internal, entities and forces that do not always have the ECIA population at heart. Having connections with State and County representatives, I have the experience necessary to help the ECIA to reestablish itself as a leader in the Santa Fe community.



Bernardo Monserrat



Melicent D'Amore



Todd Handy

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#### Vista Grande Library

466-READ

#### Fire and Rescue

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[eldoradofireandrescue.org](http://eldoradofireandrescue.org)

#### County All Purpose

820-CNTY (2689)

## Contact List for Pesticide Notice

In November 2017, the ECIA Board established an Environmental Advisory Ad Hoc Committee (EAAHC) whose purpose would be to advise the board in three areas:

- ▶ A proposed policy for IPM (Integrated Pest Management) practices.
- ▶ A proposed policy for environmental practices for new construction and facility maintenance.
- ▶ To develop guidelines for performing an annual environmental audit.

The mission of the EAAHC is to promote a safe and healthy community at the Eldorado at Santa Fe facilities through ecologically sound and sustainable environmental practices that protect human and environmental health and safeguard our community.

In the event that the application of a pesticide or herbicide is deemed necessary, the EAAHC is establishing a procedure for notification of Eldorado residents. Affected areas will be cordoned off, and an email news brief will be sent out.

We realize there may be some residents who would like to be notified who do not use the internet and would not receive these email news briefs. If you or someone you know does not receive ECIA emails and would like to receive notification in some other way (via text or landline) if pesticides or herbicides are applied on ECIA premises, please contact **Courteney Handy** at [chandy@haomco.com](mailto:chandy@haomco.com).

~David McDonald, President of the ECIA Board of Directors



# Eldorado 1660 AM

**E**ldorado's own local radio station is now in its ninth year of low-power, low-babblers broadcasting for community residents, at 1660 kHz, right at the top of the AM radio dial. Most of the 24-hour broadcast day is just music: a kaleidoscopic variety of familiar classics, jazz, easy-listening and relaxing music. No commercials or fund drives, but a few select programs on a regular schedule.

**Every morning at 7 am**, *Good Morning, Eldorado*, begins the day with nature's wake-up, singing birds, followed by news of events in Eldorado and Santa Fe, including the lunch menus at the Ken & Patty Adam Senior Center and ECIA Board and committee meetings. At **10:30 am, Monday through Friday**, *Break-Time*, is a chance to sit down for a few minutes with something different: history, stories, interviews, conversations, poetry, and even a bit of comedy.

On weekends, ELDORADIO features *Saturday Matinee*, music and entertainment recorded in live performance, beginning at noon. Every Sunday, at noon, *Retro Radio*, take you back to the "Golden Age of Radio" some 70, 80 or more years ago. Through October, a celebration of the Orson Welles' 1938 "War of the Worlds" broadcast, brings you a reading of the H.G. Wells novel,



published 120 years ago, from which the American "bad boy" actor created his famous radio show 80 years ago. The **1 pm Sunday** readings, in half-hour segments, began **Aug. 5**. Eldorado's local station rebroadcasts the original 1938 CBS program annually on Halloween.

This month's Saturday Matinees include a 1958 Benny Goodman concert, the Native American Rose Hill Singers, Albuquerque's Lewie Wickham, and the Broadway musical *Hamilton*. From time to time, ELDORADIO also drops in "Concert Previews" in advance of scheduled performances in the area. Limited by FCC rules, ELDORADIO 1660 AM has only 0.1 watt and covers only Eldorado.

~Eldorado

## Community Open Discussion Group

The Community Open Discussion Group will be held in the ECIA Classroom on **Thursday, September 13**, from **6-7:30 pm**. This is your opportunity to share your concerns and comments with members of the Board in an informal setting. We look forward to seeing you there.

## 17th Annual Eldorado Fall Art Show

**Friday, October 19, 2018**  
3pm to 7pm.

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**  
9am to 5pm.

St. John's Methodist Church  
1200 Old Pecos Trail (at Cordova).

### September Haiku

Portly seniors in the heat,  
Strangers to the gym,  
Keep your shirts on anyway.

~Dag Ryen

## Library News and Events

Our annual Summer Fling Ice Cream Social and Auction was a big success, thanks to the community members and library supporters who came out for the silent and live auctions. The organizers especially want to thank our Business Partners and other community donors who generously offered services and goods for this event. This key fundraiser for Vista Grande Public Library helps pay for new books, DVDs, and additional collection materials, as well as program expenses and all the other services that the library provides to the community. Thank you, Eldorado!

**Events:** (Note: most events take place in the Meeting Room unless noted otherwise.)

**Library Closed:** Saturday, September 1, for Labor Day Weekend.

**Story Time** for toddlers and preschoolers: New Day! Tuesday mornings at 11 am in the Children's section.

**Author Talk:** Friday, October 5 at 6:30 pm. Carlyn Montes De Oca, author of *Dog as My Doctor*, *Cat as My Nurse*, will be at VGPL to talk about her book.

**Book Donation Day:** Saturday, September 8, from 9 to 11:30 am only. Donors are kindly asked to: bring only items in good condition; use boxes or bags you don't need to keep; bring large donations earlier in the morning; and not donate textbooks, manuals, dictionaries, encyclopedias or VHS tapes.

**Kiwanis International:** Tuesday, September 11, 7 pm. An informational meeting regarding starting a chapter in Eldorado.

**Botanical Garden Program:** Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 pm. Ken Bower from the Botanical Garden will come to VGPL to talk about their programs, offerings and why it's a great place to visit.

**Medicare Information Session:** Thursday, September 13, 10 to 11:30 am. Certified Medicare benefits counselor from the NM Dept. of Aging to discuss Medicare's annual Open Enrollment "season" that is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

**Family Movie Night:** Friday, September 14, at 7 pm. Call (505) 466-7323 for the film title and rating.

**Medicare Information Session:** Thursday, September 20, 6 to 7:30 pm. Certified Medicare benefits counselor from the NM Dept. of Aging to discuss Medicare's annual Open Enrollment "season" that is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

**Jeff Berg's Noir Mexico:** Friday, September 28 at 7 pm. Come see a Noir Film made in NM and specially selected by Jeff, complete with his historical knowledge and insightful commentary.

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

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

~Tracey Mitchell, Vista Grande Public Library

## Savor Eldorado

Welcome back to Savor Eldorado, where neighbors enjoy local music, art & each other, in private homes. Gila Joy Pascale has worked very hard at Savor and as she is taking a break, I am gladly jumping in. Would you like to host an event in September or beyond? Show your art? Play music? Get in touch with Hope via the new website and stay tuned! [savoreldorado.org](http://savoreldorado.org).

~Hope Kiah

## Eldorado Flea Market

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 22** for the Eldorado Fall Flea Market at the ECIA Community Center. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 414. This subdivision-wide event opens at **8 am** with vendors from Santa Fe, Pecos, and Espanola as well as subdivision residents. There will be a wide variety of merchandise, including hand-made apparel, purses, jewelry, art and collectibles, semi-precious gemstones, tools, electronic games, toys, glassware, books, and furniture. Every year is different! This is a family friendly event with something for everyone. Vendor set-up begins at **6:30 am** with space fees set at \$10 for Eldorado residents and \$15 for non-residents. The flea market concludes at noon. Clean out your garage, rent a space, and come out to exchange your unwanted "treasures" for those of your neighbors. Great fun for all. For more information go to [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) or call **505-466-4175**.

~Boy Scout Troop 414

## Lace 'em up!

The Eldorado Adult basketball season is here. Lace 'em, players, and c'mon out to the Community Center basketball court for fun and friendly pick-up hoops, **Thursdays, 6 pm-dusk**.



# September 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., September 11,	7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	F
Architecture Committee	Tues., September 25,	7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	F
Board Meeting	Thurs., September 27,	7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Board Working Session	Mon., September 24,	4-6 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Community Open Discussion	Thurs., September 13,	6-7:30 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Conservation Committee	Tues., September 4,	7-9 pm		466-4248	F
Election Committee	Wed., September 12,	2-4 pm	Bette Knight	466-4248	CFR
Environ. Ad Hoc	Tues., September 25,	3-5 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., September 5,	3-5 pm	Nolan Zisman	466-0540	CR
Finance Committee	Tues., September 18,	9:30 am-12 pm	Sal Monaco	690-5125	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., September 4,	7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Road Committee	Wed., October 10,	3-5 pm	Russel Winslow	466-4248	RR
Stable Committee	Tues., September 18,	7-9 pm	Amelia Adair	720-563-1018	CFR

### 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	phenline@comcast.net	LR
Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tues. of month,	4-6 pm	Sue Daniel	(856) 220-7087	CFR
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month		Brad Cottingham	466-4655	
Search & Rescue	2nd Thurs.,	7-9 pm	santafesar.org		VGPL

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	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 pm-dusk			BB Court
AI Anon	Sat.,	11-12 pm			CFR
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
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, CR=Classroom, CFR=Conference Room, F=Foyer, LR=Living Room,

RR=Railroad Room

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# Stable Community Day

**Y**ou're invited! The Eldorado Stables annual COMMUNITY DAY open house is coming up on **Saturday, September 22, from 10 am to 1 pm**. Every year the ECIA welcomes all Eldorado residents to visit the stables for a day of fun. It's an opportunity to meet the horses, donkeys, and mules and learn more about the stables. Eldorado residents are welcome to visit and enjoy the stables any time, but on Community Day we have special activities planned for you.

**Activities** will include pony rides for kids – generously provided free of charge by the Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding Center – a grooming station; stick horse games; meet a donkey, draft horse, and other horses; stable tours; refreshments; information; and the chance to meet your neighbors. Many barn owners and sharers volunteer their time and their equines to make this day memorable for our neighbors and guests.



**Details:** The Eldorado Stables are located at 11 Avenida Eldorado, near the intersection with Hwy 285. **For safety, anyone who wants to pet, ride or groom a horse must wear closed-toed shoes.** Visitors, please come in through the main gate, and follow directions to the parking area near the upper arena. Volunteers and signs will be posted to direct cars. As always, the speed limit at the stables is 10 miles per hour.

**Questions?** Please contact **Amelia Adair**, chair of the Eldorado Stable Committee, at **ameliaadair@msn.com**.

[Photo Credit Tara Debevec]

~Amelia Adair, Stable Committee Chair

# Let's All Just "Slow Our Roll"

**I**f anything can remind us to be very vigilant while driving it should be at this time of year when school is back in full swing and children are off to their many after-school activities. In our active community, the nicer weather sees bikers, walkers, and hikers enjoying the beauty of our surroundings.



Because our lives can get so busy, please take a moment to be mindful and bring our full awareness to our driving before we pull out of our driveways. The following report provides a wake-up call for all of us.

The Santa Fe Community Report which is part of a statewide study done by the University of New Mexico Traffic Research Unit in 2016 lists the top 5 contributing factors in vehicle crashes.

- ▶ Driver inattention.
- ▶ Following too closely.
- ▶ Failure to yield right of way.
- ▶ Other improper driving.



▶ Excessive speed.

The above chart shows the location and occurrence of traffic accidents here in Eldorado.

~Cheryl Shields

# Play Ball

**P**lay ball! That's just what a local group of neighborhood Eldorado kids did here this spring and summer. Under the coaching of some neighborhood parents, a 10 and under youth baseball team called the Diamondbacks formed under the American Amateur Baseball Congress. While games were played in Santa Fe, the team was able to take advantage of our existing baseball field next to the community center for practices, allowing everyone to leverage one of our community assets while decreasing unnecessary driving and time heading to town. Thanks to the ECIA staff and volunteers who helped prepare the infield

for use again, and to the others in the community that provided other forms of support for the team. Congratulations to the kids on the team for a great season of learning and fun!

~John Cannella





## Ask Eldo!

**W**elcome to the first installment of "Ask Eldo!" Ask Eldo is a monthly question and answer column where residents can send questions for publication to the ECIA. Each month a question submitted by the community will be answered by an ECIA board member and posted here.

**Q: Hey Eldo, What ever happened with the credit card fraud by one of the ECIA/HOAMCO employees?**

The answer to this question comes from David McDonald, board president. He reports that in the middle of May 2018, it was discovered that a HOAMCO employee who had recently been dismissed, had been using ECIA credit cards for personal purchases that totaled between \$3,000 and \$5,000. HOAMCO was immediately notified, and after verifying that the purchases were not office related, the sheriff's office was called. A Deputy Sheriff came out to take a report and immediately turned it over to a detective who came out the same day. Investigators were unable to locate the employee for questioning and, based on

the allegations and evidence that we provided, they issued an arrest warrant.

In the meantime, HOAMCO met with the ECIA Board Officers to address the fraud and other issues in early June. HOAMCO took complete responsibility for their employee's malfeasance and reimbursed the ECIA for all fraudulent charges and funded a forensic audit to make sure that there was no other, undiscovered fraud.

As of **August 28**, in spite of ongoing investigation, the sheriff's department has been unable to locate the suspect, and no arrest has been made. The detective who took the report will be giving us an update shortly.

We encourage Eldorado residents to submit questions for consideration for future issues. Please submit questions via email to [aprice@eldoradosf.org](mailto:aprice@eldoradosf.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Recent Board Actions

**T**he Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on **Thursday, August 30, 2018**. Members present were President **David McDonald**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, Director **Pam Henline**, Director **Emily McCormick** and Secretary **Jody Price**. Director Henline resigned from the board and left the meeting. The Board was unable to conduct any official business due to a perceived lack of a quorum.

The board reconvened in a special board meeting on Wednesday, **September 5, 2018**. Members present were President **David McDonald**, Vice President **Jody Price** Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, and Secretary **Emily McCormick**. The following formal actions were reviewed and passed by the board:

- ▶ Motion to appoint Kanah Waltman to the Pool Ad-Hoc Committee and remove her from the Dog Park Committee.
- ▶ Motion to approve the treatment of the pinon trees in house with an improved watering system, schedule, fertilizer, and ongoing monitoring.
- ▶ Motion to approve AFJ bid for work on hike/bike trail as amended to include meeting with them to coordinate weed abatement and notification procedures.

- ▶ Motion to approve Eclipse Landscaping Management LLC to repair and improve the current cistern/storage tank infrastructure.
- ▶ Motion to approve new Avaya phone contract for ECIA offices.
- ▶ Motion to approve 2018 Election Committee Charter.
- ▶ Motion to approve 2018 Road Committee Charter.
- ▶ Motion to approve the presentation of a Draft Resolution for a Civil Conduct Policy to the membership for comment and schedule an open forum for discussion.
- ▶ Motion to appoint Karen Logan to the ECIA Information Committee.

Three residents spoke at the **August 30, 2018** 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 **September 24, 2018**, at **4 pm**, in the Community Center Classroom. On **September 27, 2018**, at **7 pm**, the board will conduct its regular meeting in the Classroom 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).

## Railroad Bulding Floor Repairs and Paws in the Pool

**T**he Railroad building at the ECIA will be going under floor repairs **September 24-September 30**. Groups meeting in the Railroad building will be moved to different rooms during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**D**ue to the pool survey that will begin **September 17**, Paws in the Pool has been canceled this year. Thank you for another great year here at the ECIA pool!

~ECIA Staff

# VISTAS

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## Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive with ECIA



**Eldorado & ECIA/HOAMCO working with Neighborhood Associations**

**“Neighbor to Neighbor...Standing Together”  
7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

**From Fri Sept 7 until noon on Sat 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Did you know \$1 can buy 5 lbs of food?!**

**Fill a Bag/Box:** of non-perishable food and/or household hygiene items and drop them off during business hours at these Eldorado locations:

- **La Tienda** - interior hallways outside the Hardware Store or Gym
- **The Agora** - just inside the doors of both the supermarket & the pet store
- **Eldorado** – ECIA Offices or the Vista Grande Library

**OR Monetary Donations Can be Made to:** The N2N Food Drive table at the Agora Market Friday 9/14 from 10am – 4pm & Saturday 9/15 from 10am - Noon.

**Monetary Donations Can also be Made to:** The Food Depot, 1222 A Siler Rd., Santa Fe 87507. In the MEMO section please specify **Eldorado**. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Monetary donations can be made online with a credit card at: [www.thefooddepot.org/n2n](http://www.thefooddepot.org/n2n). Or over the phone with a credit card by calling Dot at 471-1633 x130.



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