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By Rich Taylor

Thanks to Eric Meyer and all who helped make the Exemplary Homes Party on September 26 another great success. Food and fellowship were great and we were thrilled to honor the sixty resident families who expended the extra effort – even with the lack of rain – to make their homes and yards the nicest in the neighbor-hood.

October in El Dorado is a busy time. Our Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 3. See more information elsewhere in this issue.

Please plan to attend our annual membership meeting at the Clubhouse on Monday, October 12. We will be electing new area representatives for areas I, III and V. Linda Garriss at 653-0997 is heading our nominating committee. If you have interest or know someone who has interest in serving the community as an Area Representative, please contact Linda right away.

We need your help. We have scheduled a Dial-A-Trailer for Saturday, October 17 in conjunction with a major cleanup effort at the lake and along Leonhardt Road from the railroad to Nacogdoches Road. Check the details elsewhere in this issue.

I have been informed that the next “Yellow Tag” Brush and Heavy Trash pickup will be in December 2009.

We are thrilled to have Melissa Miller on board as our new Clubhouse Manager. Melissa – and her husband Glenn – have hit the ground running. You will begin to notice several improvements in the appearance and the management of the clubhouse.

We still need volunteers to help complete the painting of the clubhouse. Call me at 415-3814 if you can help.

Yours for a better El Dorado
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Know an El Dorado resident who has gone above and beyond? Nominate them for recognition in our regular column, “Hats Off To...”

Contact the editor or any EDHA Board Member with your nominations!

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Our neighbors in Northern Hills are also planning their neighborhood sale on the same weekend. Start planning now for your participation so you can take advantage of the traffic the combined sales will draw.

Each participating residence must obtain a permit.

It may be purchased at the Community Link Service Center,
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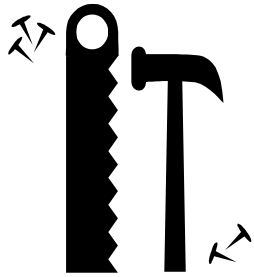
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El Dorado Homes Association Calendar

October	1st Saturday 1st Tuesday 2nd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Garage Sale National Night Out Annual Meeting COP Meeting
November	2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
December	2nd Monday 2nd Saturday 2nd Week 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting Breakfast with Santa Christmas Light Judging COP Meeting

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Thank you for your support.



El Dorado Helping Hands

We have a core group of volunteers available to assist senior citizens and/or people with disabilities who need a little help with small tasks. If you are interested in joining this effort as an "El Dorado Helper," or if you are in need of a "helping hand," please contact Jamie Gifford at 655-9594 or:

EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com.

Condolences

to the Carmichael family on the sudden and tragic death of Calvin (CJ) Carmichael on September 6, 2009. C.J was the grandson of Cal & Peggy Carmichael, who are long-time residents of El Dorado and long-time supporters of EDHA.

C. J. Carmichael was born on May 4, 1988 in San Antonio, Texas. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities, and was active in the James Madison FFA and Guadalupe county 4H livestock judging team and shooting sports club. C.J. is preceded in death by his grandfather Harry Stanush. He is survived by his parents Steven and Liz (Elizabeth) Carmichael; sister, Chelsea Carmichael; grandparents Regina Stanush, Calvin F. Carmichael and wife Peggy; aunt Patrice Tobola and husband Frank; cousin Nicholas Tobola, Christopher Tobola and wife April, and their children Breven and Kaydance; uncle Billy Moring and wife Genola living in Alabama with cousins, along with a host of friends and relatives in the surrounding Bexar county area.

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d10/index.asp](http://www.sanantonio.gov/Council/d10/index.asp)

Recipe of the Month

Sweet & Sour Ribs

- 1 C. crushed pineapple & juice
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 1 t. soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 t. pimiento, chopped
- 1/3 C. wine vinegar
- 3 T. salad oil
- 1/4 green pepper, chopped
- 1 t. salt

Combine in blender until mixed. Pour over par-boiled ribs and bake at 350 for 1 1/2 hours. Baste often.

Submitted by Pat O'Neale
What's Cooking in El Dorado
August, 1976

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10



South Texas Farmers Market The South Texas Farmers Market makes a stop in District 10 every Thursday. **Visit the Rainbow Garden parking lot, located at 2585 Thousand Oaks, on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to purchase fresh produce.** WIC and Senior Citizen Vouchers are accepted.

Recycle and Help a Hero Have you ever wondered what you can do with your old cell phone? **Recycle it!** About 60% of recycled cell phones can be refurbished and reused. The other 40% can be processed through an environmentally responsible refining program in which they are shredded and smelted and various metals are reclaimed back to their natural state. Recycling your old cellular phones also helps the environment by reducing landfill waste. You may drop off all of your old cell phones at the District 10 Field office, located at 3300 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 108 or at Stahl Elementary School. **All cell phones donated at these locations will be given to the Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports young athletes and their families who have been impacted by spinal cord injuries.** To learn more about Gridiron Heroes, visit: www.gridironheroes.org.

If you plan to drop off your old cell phones at the District 10 Field Office, please contact Amy Putney at 824-7355 to set up a time.

Free Benefits Counseling Available for Seniors

The Alamo Service Connection (ASC) provides free benefits counseling for seniors and their caregivers by appointment and on the phone.

This program is part of ongoing efforts by the agencies involved to provide **FREE** direct services to advocate, plan and promote the independence, dignity, health, and well-being of seniors and their caregivers.

Information is provided to seniors who are confused, have questions, or have encountered problems with public benefits and prefer one-on-one assistance.

Benefits Counseling Services include:

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
- Long Term Care

Legal Assistance Services include:

- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Veterans Benefits
- Advance Directives

Currently, there are volunteers (profiled below), all certified benefits counselors, who make this free service available. **In District 10: Jim Johnson**--working Wednesdays at AACOG headquarters, 8700 Tesoro Dr., Suite 700, San Antonio.

Jim began counseling in 2005. For 30 years, he was a federal bank regulator, retiring as vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

He has determined that the Medicare Advantage and Supplemental Plans are the most troubling topics for his clients. He wanted to give something back to the community and volunteered after seeing an ad for counselors. He advises seniors to be careful about their choices and insurance agents, to research options, and get advice from professionals.

To schedule your benefits counseling appointment, call the Alamo Service Connection at (210) 477-3275.

Keep aspirin by your bedside!

It seems hard to read all the good stuff that goes around. Please take the time to tuck this information away in some corner of your brain just in case....

There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides the pain in the left arm. One should be aware of other symptoms such as an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating. There may be no pain in the chest with a heart attack. The majority of people (60%) who have had a heart attack in their sleep do not wake up. Sometimes, however, the chest pain is so severe it will wake one up. If you believe you are having a heart attack, immediately take two aspirin with water.

After taking the aspirin, call 911. Afterwards, if possible, call a neighbor or friend who lives near by to watch over you before EMS arrives. Be sure and tell the 911 operator you have had a heart attack and taken two aspirin. Take a seat near the front door and do not lie down.

Submitted by Cindy Garrett

"The antidote for fifty enemies is one friend."
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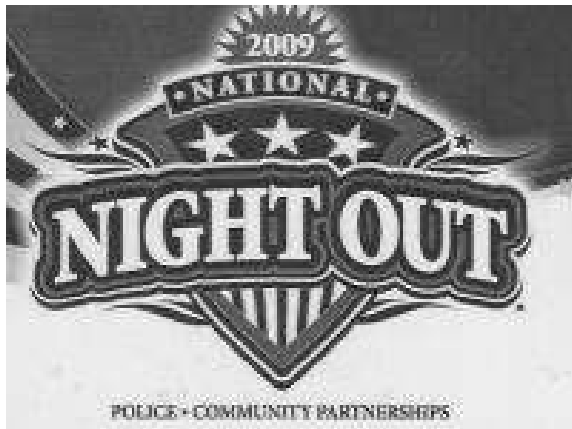
Submitted by Carol C.



TWO SMASHING THINGS TO MAKE WITH PUMPKIN PUREE

- ◆ Pumpkin Pancakes (serves 4) Prepare 1 cup dry pancake mix according to the package directions. Whisk in 1/3 cup canned pumpkin puree.
- ◆ Pumpkin Whipped Cream (makes 2 cups) Beat together 1 cup heavy cream, 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar, and 1 tablespoon canned pumpkin puree until soft peaks form.

Courtesy of [Real Simple](#), October 2009



America's Night Out Against Crime
October 6, 2009

National Night Out, sponsored by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH, is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually on the first Tuesday in August (IN TEXAS NNO 2009 WILL BE IN OCTOBER) and is celebrated in every city, town and village in the US. In addition to increasing awareness of crime and drug prevention programs, NNO also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that "neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!"

San Antonio has always had strong and enthusiastic support for and participation in NNO, and won national NNO Awards in 1998, 2003, 2006 and in 2008. During NNO 2008, more than 1200 San Antonio communities and approximately 160,000 to 180,000 residents registered to participate. We hope that NNO 2009 will be even larger!

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Attention El Dorado Veterans!

In observance of Veterans Day, we will, once again, list all of our El Dorado veterans in the November issue of the Sunburst. If you were listed in last year's Sunburst, you will be listed again this year. If not, please contact the editor at 655-9594 or EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com.

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Rich Taylor

For his hard work painting and repairing our Club House. He has also undertaken numerous projects throughout the neighborhood.

Thanks for "rolling up your sleeves," Rich!

El Dorado Area Cleanup Day October 17, 2009

Will you join us in a special effort to clean up some of the public areas that impact the appearance and safety of our area? The more volunteers who turn out, the less time it will take and the greater impact your efforts will have.

Residents whose properties back up to Leonhardt Road, please consider trimming your trees behind your fences. The branches extending out over the sidewalk along Leonhardt Road severely restrict the vision of drivers trying to turn onto Leonhardt from El Arroyo.

We will have a Dial-A-Trailer positioned at the west end of Linda Colonia near the lake on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The primary purpose will be to receive trash and brush from the lake area and from along Leonhardt Road, but all residents of El Dorado may bring items to the Dial-A-Trailer.

Parents and scout leaders, how about bringing your kids with a supply of garbage bags and help clean the area all along Leonhardt from the railroad to Nacogdoches Road?

YOUR SUNBURST TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The team who helps bring you the Sunburst every month is in need of additional volunteers. We are looking for someone to deliver to 14 houses on Encanta, someone to deliver in the Prima Vista/Sierra Madre section of Area I, and someone to pick up and deliver seven bundles of newsletters each month of the season. A vehicle is needed for this position. If you can lend a hand, please call Shirley Stephens at 654-4758.

The Sunburst is sent to print approximately two weeks prior to its distribution. Therefore, it is difficult to get unplanned or last minute messages and/or events listed in the newsletter.

For up-to-the-minute information and to access message boards, please visit us at:

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Saturday 10:00a-6:00p

Sunday 10:00a-6:00p

**Wednesdays (Oct 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)
12:30-2:30p**

Resumé and Job Hunting Help

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5:00-7:00p

Teens at Thousand Oaks

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Thursdays Storytime

(Oct 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)

10:00a Recommended for children
ages 18mo – 3 years

11:00a Recommended for children
ages 3 – 5 years

Oct 5th (Monday)

6:30-7:30p Monday Evening Book Club.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time
by Greg Mortenson

Call library for details for any of the above mentioned programs and/or events.

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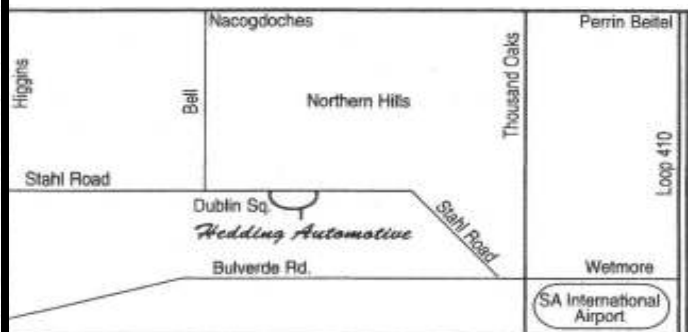
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- ◆ Children should go out during daylight hours only unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- ◆ Children should only go to homes where the porch lights are lit. This is the universal signal for participation in Trick-or-Treating!
- ◆ Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.
- ◆ Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places and don't go off the beaten track. Stay in well lighted areas.
- ◆ Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- ◆ Small children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween. Make sure an older sibling or adult is with them.
- ◆ Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.
- ◆ Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
- ◆ Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- ◆ Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick-or-Treat without an adult.
- ◆ Please bring your pets inside for their own protection and for the protection of others. Costumed kids can be very scary to your four-legged friends.
- ◆ If you find yourself behind the wheel on October 31st, please keep an eye out for Trick-or-Treaters. Drive slowly and carefully.

ATTENTION DOG
WALKERS!
PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP!

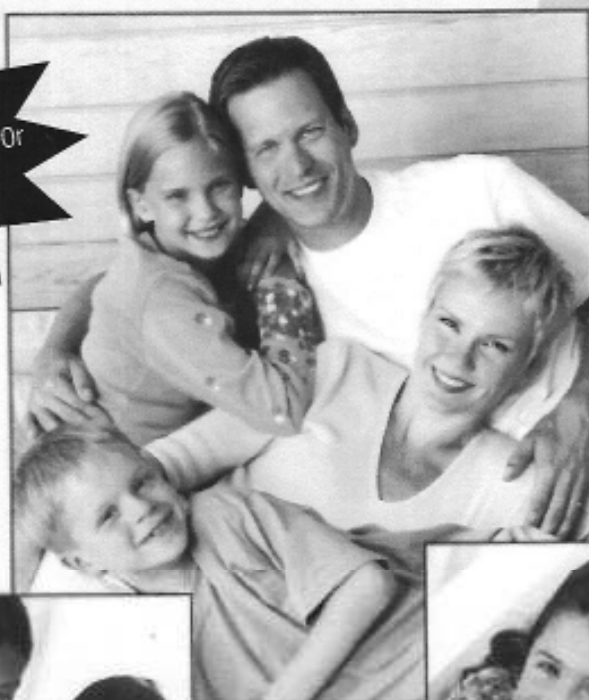
Child Car Seat Safety

I got the following information from

<http://www.car-safety.org/rearface.html> :

- Rear-facing is safest for both adults and children, but especially for babies, who would face a greater risk of spinal cord injury in a front-facing car seat during a frontal crash.
- Rear-facing car seats spread frontal crash forces over the whole area of a child's back, head and neck; they also prevent the head from snapping relative to the body in a frontal crash.
- Rear-facing car seats may not be quite as effective in a rear end crash, but severe frontal and frontal offset crashes are *far* more frequent and *far* more severe than severe rear end crashes.
- Rear-facing car seats are *NOT* a safety risk just because a child's legs are bent at the knees or because they can touch/kick the vehicle seat.
- Rear-facing as long as possible is the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatricians, and can reduce injuries and deaths. Motor Vehicle Crashes are the #1 overall cause of death for children 14 and under.

Submitted by Terie



The Comfort of Home

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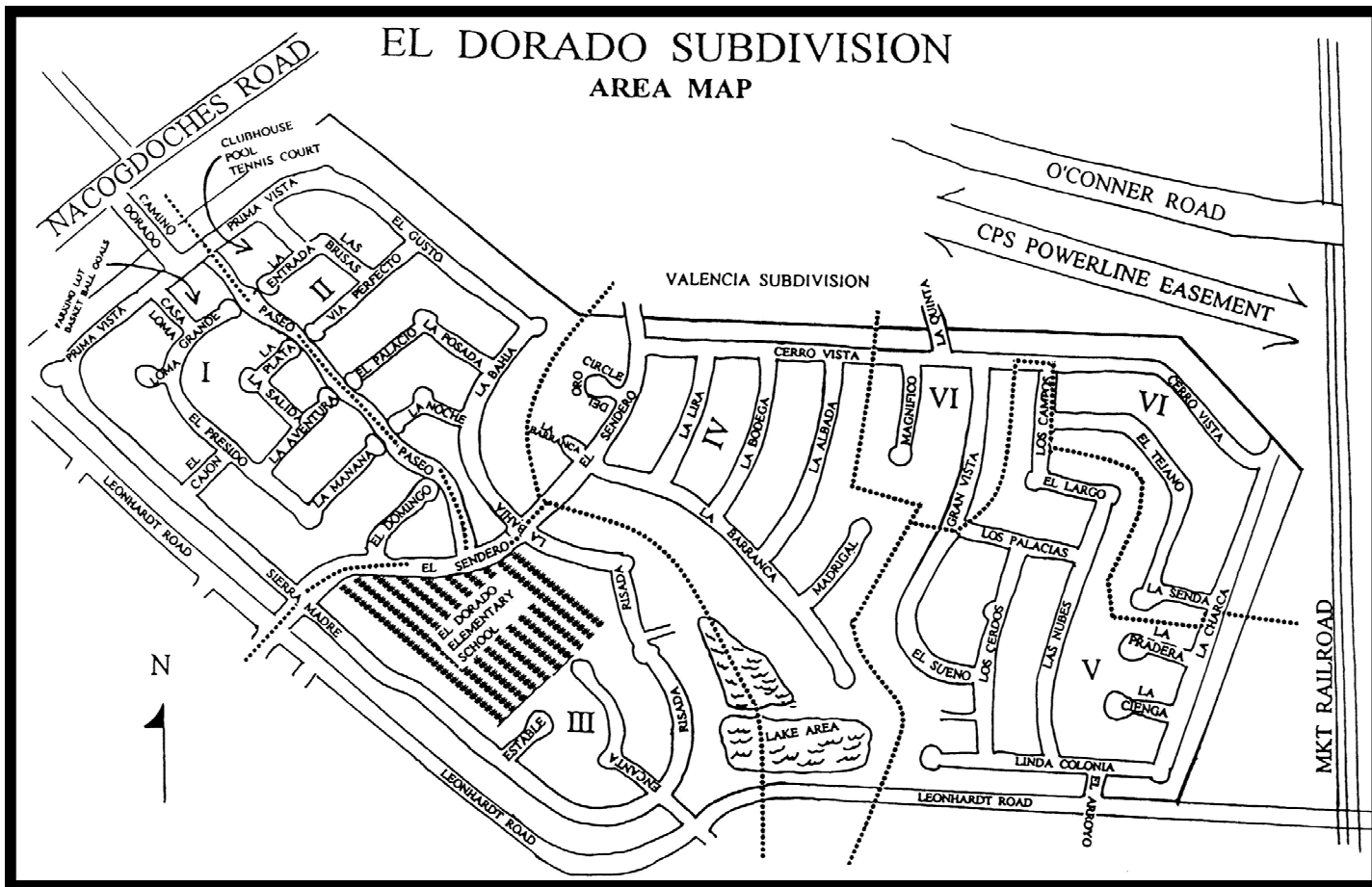
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EL DORADO SUBDIVISION AREA MAP



2009 MAINTENANCE FEE INFORMATION (Membership runs from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Other household members at this address:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| ◆ Full Maintenance/Pool Fee | \$160.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ General Maintenance Fee | \$ 85.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ Partial Payment * | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*For General, \$21.25 every 3 months (4 times a year) or \$45.00/\$40.00 split over 2 months

*Full Fees may be split \$80.00/\$80.00 or \$55.00/\$55.00/\$50.00, but must be paid in full prior to pool use.

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