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Swim Team Registration

Come join your neighbors for fun and healthy competition! Swim team registration is happening on May 9th from 1:00-3:00 pm, at the pool. The swim team is open to all swimmers ages 6 through 17. ***Pool membership is required.*** The $55.00 registration fee covers the swim season, team t-shirt, end of season awards ceremony/party and trophies. For more information, contact Roslyn Harding at 967-0183 or roz4919@sbcglobal.net.

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By Rich Taylor

Thanks to all of you that have already responded to our request for support of your community with payment of the maintenance or pool fees. Your enthusiastic response demonstrates your interest in helping keep El Dorado attractive for the current residents and making it inviting to those who may be considering El Dorado as a possible home.

Remember that our beautiful pool will be opening near the end of this month and access to the pool is limited to those who have paid the full pool fee.

While the El Dorado Board and Committee Chairpersons do our best to ensure the most economical use of the fees, the upkeep of the property is a continuing challenge, not unexpected for facilities that are for the most part over thirty years old. So your participation is very important since the favorable appearance of the clubhouse, pool and grounds reflects favorably on the entire neighborhood, including your residence. If you have not mailed your payment yet, I encourage you to do so right away.

While your financial support of the community is important, your personal involvement is beneficial as well. Remember you are welcome to attend the Board meetings on the second Monday of each month.

You are also encouraged to get involved with our growing Cellular On Patrol (COP) program. Come to the COP meeting at the clubhouse on the third Monday of the month and see how you can help make our area safer for your family and others.

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Rich Taylor

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Chris Kennedy

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- Adorning the graves of the soldiers with flags or flowers.
- Visiting cemeteries and memorials.
- Furling the American Flag at half-mast until noon.
- Furling the 'POW/MIA Flag'.
- Keep silence for a minute at 3 p.m., 'National Moment of Remembrance' and listen to Taps being played.
- Take a pledge to aid the disabled veterans, widows, widowers and orphans of the dead and keep it.
- You may support the efforts to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th.
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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.

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El Dorado Exemplary Homes Campaign 2009

By Eric Meyer
Email: info@aquafreelawns.com

In 2007, the El Dorado Homes Association held the first ever Exemplary Homes Campaign as a way to recognize and thank those residents, both owners and renters, who help make El Dorado a nice place to live through payment of their annual association maintenance fees and by keeping a well maintained home and property.

The guidelines for participation in the event are pretty simple: just pay your annual association maintenance fees and keep up your property's curb appeal by having nice landscaping and high maintenance standards.

The campaign is divided into two phases, where 30 exemplary homes are chosen in May and 30 more are chosen in August. Since many residents don't pay their annual maintenance fees until summer, when the pool opens, May's winners are limited to those residents who paid their maintenance fees in 2008 and August's winners are limited to those who pay their fees for 2009.

To determine which homes are awarded Exemplary Home status, the six neighborhood association area reps will nominate 8 to 10 homes in each of their respective areas. Then an independent panel of judges, who do not live in El Dorado and who do not know last year's winners, will score the nominees. The scores will then be averaged and the 5 homes with the highest scores in each area will be given the title of Exemplary Home.

The winners receive a temporary yard sign announcing their status as an Exemplary Home and also an invitation to the Exemplary Homes Party on September 19, from 6 to 8pm at the neighborhood clubhouse and pool. At the party, food and beverages will be served and all winners will have a shot at winning fabulous door prizes generously donated by the event's sponsors.

Judging will take place the first week in May and again the first week in August. All residents are encouraged to clean up and increase the curb appeal of their property. Judges will be looking at the overall appearance of the homes and property. In many cases, it's the minor details which determine the winners. Homes with deed, covenant, or code violations are automatically ineligible from participating.

Please see the June issue of the *Sunburst* for the list of homes chosen this month. I look forward to meeting all the winners at the party in September. Good Luck.

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May 2nd (Saturday)
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May 3rd (Sunday)
2:00-4:00p Feral Cat Workshop
Come learn why TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) is the only method that works effectively. Learn tips and instructions on how to safely and humanely reduce the free-roaming cat population in your community

Tuesdays in May (5th, 12th, 19th)
4:00-6:00p BACK Pack
Come have some after school fun. Books, crafts, fun.

May 13th (Wednesday)
6:00-7:00p Family Fun
A Family Fun Program! Books, crafts, fun.

Thursdays in May (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)
6:00-8:00p RockBand/Wii
Come get your Game On @ your Library.

May 14th (Thursday)
2:00-4:00p Thursday Afternoon Book Club.
Discussion of Eye Contact by Cammie McGovern

May 23rd (Saturday)
2:00-4:00p Needleworks Knit/Crochet /Embroidery
Bring your project or come to learn.
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1 ball of worsted weight yarn + size 8 knitting needles
For Crochet:
1 ball of worsted weight yarn + size h crochet hook.

May 30th (Saturday)
1:00-3:00p Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration!
Crafts and Fun!
Come celebrate and sign-up for the 2009 Summer Reading program.

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

El Dorado Homes Association Calendar

May	1st Week	Exemplary Homes Judging
	2nd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting
	3rd Monday	COP Meeting
	3rd Monday	District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
	4th Saturday	Pool Opens Memorial Day Weekend
June	2nd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting
	3rd Monday	COP Meeting
July	July 4th	Independence Day Parade
	2nd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting
	3rd Monday	COP Meeting
	3rd Monday	District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

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June 6 - August 23

PRE-SEASON HOURS
The pool will open for Memorial Day Weekend: May 23-25
And again on May 30-31

Mondays—Closed for Maintenance

Tuesday-Thursday

10:00am-11:45am	Swim Lessons (Tue-Fri)
12:00pm-1:30pm	Adult Swim
1:30pm-5:00pm	Open Swim
5:00pm-7:00pm	Supervised Swim
8:00pm-10:00pm	Swim Team

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

12:00pm-1:30pm	Adult Swim
1:30pm-5:00pm	Open Swim
5:00pm-7:00pm	Supervised Swim

Water Aerobics:

Saturdays	11:00am-12:00 Noon
Sundays	7:00pm-8:00pm

REDUCED SEASON HOURS
After school starts, the pool will be open on weekends only and on Labor Day, Supervised Swim only. Hours: 1:30pm-7pm

Adult Swim—Adults only
Open Swim—Lifeguards on duty
Supervised Swim—No lifeguards on duty. Children under 16 must have responsible parent/chaperone supervision 21 years or older.

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I'm writing because of an incident that happened to my daughter involving a neighbor. I think this incident should also concern other El Dorado residents, especially those that live in Area II.

Thursday morning, 3/19/09, at about 8:30, my daughter was called by a male neighbor to get her attention as she was walking from the driveway into our house. My daughter ignored him and continued to go inside. Several minutes later, this same individual went to our house and knocked on the door. My daughter didn't open the door, but did look to see who was there through the window and noticed that it was the neighbor from a few minutes earlier. He then noticed her through the window and asked her if her internet was working, because his wasn't. She responded that it was fine. He then proceeded to ask her if she was alone. When she said that her brother was coming and that he was five minutes away, he turned away and left.

I'm thankful that nothing more happened, but now my wife and my daughter feel unsafe and uncomfortable in our own home and in our own neighborhood. I've contacted the police, but they've practically said that no actual crime had been committed, so there was nothing they could do. I can understand that.

We have since been concerned about this and feel that it should be brought to the attention of other residents in our neighborhood. We have lived in El Dorado for 10 years and have always felt safe and secure, but now are we going to have to worry about some kind of predator living in our midst?

Adapted from a post on www.neighborhoodlink.com/sat/dorado

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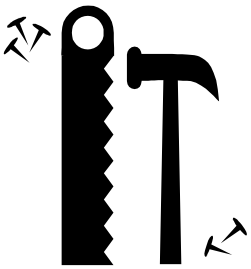

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We are beginning the second year of a Dual-Language (Two-Way Immersion) program in which your child will develop both English and Spanish. Developing two languages in today's global society is a tremendous asset. We are also accepting applications for first grade Dual Language. First grade is the last year that a child can enter this program. Monolingual kindergarten and first grade continue to be available as well.

Please help us by sharing this information with anyone you know in our attendance area.

Susan Peery
Principal, El Dorado Elementary
210-650-1450

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!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th. Don't forget the mothers in YOUR life!

Membership Update

The membership committee has gotten off to an optimistic start. We are getting some support from residents that have not been on board in previous years and from some that slipped away, but are now back.

It is so hard to find the right words when I talk about the importance of paying your EDHA dues. Some people say, "Oh, it doesn't make any difference if we don't have a pool, a club house, a playground or a lake." Well, maybe it would not matter if we did not have them, but we do and it does matter if they are not maintained. They are wonderful amenities and they are OURS—mine and yours, deeded to US by the builders. It is our responsibility to sustain them. They can increase or decrease our property values and they are worth preserving now and for the next generation.

We need you, your financial support and your community involvement to keep this neighborhood a beautiful and safe place.

On May 16th, the Maintenance Fee/ Membership Committee, along with the EDHA Board and other volunteers, will have a door-to-door walk. We are hoping to greet residents that we haven't met, get our neighborhood directory information updated and, of course, get maintenance fees from those residents that have not paid.

I am still looking for those magical words that will convince you to help. For now, simply put, YOU ARE NEEDED and your financial support will be greatly appreciated.

Linda Garris
On behalf of Lola Olsmith, Membership Committee Chair, who is on vacation

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Picture ID Required

As stated in the April Sunburst, major changes will occur this year in the pool gate admissions procedures. Each family member will be required to have a picture ID. EDHA will provide the ID, but you must come at designated times to get your picture taken.

Without a picture ID, you cannot enter the pool area. Replacement cost for a lost ID will be $10.00.

Picture ID Schedule—Poolside

A.	Sat, May 9, 2009	12p-3p
B.	Sat, May 23, 2009	1p-3p
C.	Sun, May 24, 2009	3p-6p
D.	Mon, May 25, 2009	1p-3p
E.	Sat, May 30, 2009	1p-3p
F.	Sun, May 31, 2009	3p-6p
G.	Sat, June 6, 2009	1p-3p
H.	Sun, June 7, 2009	3p-6p

The only constant in life is CHANGE — and oh, how we hate that word! The older we get, the harder it gets for us to change. But remember change can be good, and please, folks, don't give me and the other volunteers a headache. We don't like change either. Help us.

Linda Garris
Pool Committee Chair

ATTENTION DOG WALKERS!

PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP!

2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Maintenance fees are the lifeblood of the El Dorado Homes Association. They are the main source of the revenue required to keep our neighborhood safe, attractive and vibrant. These fees pay for the many expenses that we have as a community, including, but not limited to the following:

- Keeping the lake mowed and trash-free
- Paying for insurance, utilities and taxes on the clubhouse, pool and common areas
- Sponsoring social events and gatherings where neighbors can build relationships
- Providing for upkeep of the common areas
- Creating a unique atmosphere that shows a sense of pride in our community!

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood where the homes association is still active. Because of our residents and the work of the EDHA, we have a beautiful community, a unique paseo and a fantastic pool. The informational signs that have been placed in strategic locations have received much attention. The Social Committee plans events all year for residents' enjoyment, and we are working on revitalizing the Cellular On Patrol program to help keep the neighborhood safe.

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 □
- General Maintenance Fee $ 85.00 □
- Partial Payment * $ _____ □

*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.

Please Return to:
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