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EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4th 10:30-11:30

El Dorado Playground

1000 EGGS!!!!

The Easter Bunny will make
a SPECIAL appearance.

Volunteers are needed to
assist with this event.

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**EDHA
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING
Monday,
April 14th
7:00 PM
AT THE
CLUBHOUSE
Please join us!**

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NEW SUNBURST DEADLINES !

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15th OF THE
MONTH

EDITORIAL
COPY:
20th OF THE
MONTH



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&
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**Call Mary Aviles
954-6861**

p resident's Notes

By Rich Taylor

SPECIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR OUR APRIL MEETING!

SEE THE NOTICE ABOUT MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THIS ISSUE!

Thanks to each resident who submitted comments or suggestions for attention by the City of San Antonio during the Extreme Target Sweep of El Dorado, Valencia and Sierra North. Your input was valuable and each comment has been or will be given due consideration by city staff. Many items have already received attention. Others will require time for inclusion in future city projects to be scheduled as time and funds permit.

Spring is here and many residents are actively engaged in activities to enhance the appearance of their homes and yards. Thanks to all of you with "spruce-up" projects already underway! I challenge each El Dorado resident to do all you can to make your home a positive example for your street and area. It is not too soon to consider what you can do to make your home one of those to be selected as an El Dorado Exemplary Home this year. If you haven't paid your annual membership dues, please complete the form at the back of this issue and mail your payment right away. You must be a paid member of the Association to be eligible for Exemplary Home consideration.

I am grateful for the increasing numbers of residents attending our El Dorado Homes Association Board meetings the second Monday of each month. Thanks for your increasing interest and a special thanks to those who have stepped forward and volunteered to assume responsibilities that will benefit the Association and our community.

Have you noticed the activity of our new "Cellular-On-Patrol (COP)" teams as they tour the community in the interest of the safety and security of our homes, property and residents? A hearty **THANKS** to those who are giving several hours of their time each week to patrol the neighborhood and report any questionable activity. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful service to El Dorado come to the next COP meeting at the Clubhouse on Monday, April 20 and find out how you can get started.

Yours for a better El Dorado
Rich Taylor

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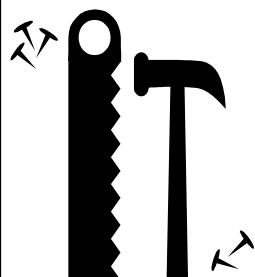
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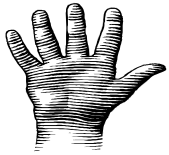
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LOOKING for someone to give guitar lessons to my 7-year-old. If you are interested, or know someone who is, call Roslyn at 967-0183.

Classified ads and miscellaneous notices are available to El Dorado residents for \$3.00 (approx. 25 words). Ads by students are free. Contact Jamie Gifford at 655-9594 or EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com by the 15th of the month.



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:
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- A small splash of vanilla extract
- 1 large coffee mug

Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool a little and tip out onto a plate, if desired. EAT! (This can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly more virtuous)

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER TAX CREDIT
As Modified in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Major Modifications Italicized
February 2009

FEATURE	CREDIT AS CREATED JULY 2008 APPLIES TO ALL QUALIFIED PURCHASES ON OR AFTER APRIL 9, 2008	REVISED CREDIT – EFFECTIVE FOR PURCHASES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2009 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2009
Amount of Credit	Lesser of 10 percent of cost of home or \$7500	Maximum credit amount increased to \$8000
Eligible Property	Any single family residence (including condos, co-ops, townhouses) that will be used as a principal residence.	No change All principal residences eligible.
Refundable	Yes. Reduces (or can eliminate) income tax liability for the year of purchase. Any unused amount of tax credit refunded to purchaser.	No change Purchasers will continue to receive refund for unused amount when tax return is filed.
Income Limit	Yes. Full amount of credit available for individuals with adjusted gross income of no more than \$75,000 (\$150,000 on a joint return). Phases out above those caps (\$95,000 and \$170,000).	No change Same income limits continue to apply.
First-time Homebuyer Only	Yes. Purchaser (and purchaser's spouse) may not have owned a principal residence in 3 years previous to purchase.	No change Still available for first-time purchasers only. Three-year rule continues to apply.
Revenue Bond Financing	No credit allowed if home financed with state/local bond funding.	Purchasers who utilize revenue bond financing can use credit.
Repayment	Yes. Portion (6.67% of credit or \$500) to be repaid each year for 15 years, starting with 2010 tax filing.	No repayment for purchases on or after January 1, 2009 and before December 1, 2009
Recapture	If home sold before 15-year repayment period ends, then outstanding balance of repayment amount recaptured on sale.	If home is sold within three years of purchase, entire amount of credit is recaptured on sale. Applies only to homes purchased in 2009.
Termination	July 1, 2009 (But note program changes for 2009)	December 1, 2009
Effective Date	Purchases on or after April 9, 2008 and before January 1, 2009. Repayment to begin for 2010 tax year.	All revisions are effective as of January 1, 2009

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Brainteaser

**Can you complete the following
language equations?**

**For example, 24 H in a D is 24
Hours in a Day.**

366 D in a L Y

50 U S

8 S on an O

52 C in a F D

90 D in a R A

7 W of the A W

12 S of the Z

18 H on a G C

Solution on Page 12

THINK EL DORADO HOMES
ASSOCIATION COULD DO
MORE?

YOU'RE RIGHT!

PAY YOUR DUES!
GET INVOLVED!

Remember

If you are driving west on Leonhardt, from Weidner, and you are NOT turning right onto El Arroyo, please remember to use the left lane. Your neighbors attempting to turn from El Arroyo onto Leonhardt have a very difficult time at this intersection!

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ages 18mo – 3 years**

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

Tuesdays in April and May 4:00-6:00p BACK Pack
Come have some after school fun. Books, crafts, fun.

April 1st, 15th, 29th or May 13th
(Every other Wednesday) 6:00-7:00p Family Fun
A Family Fun Program! Books, crafts, fun.

Thursdays in May 6:00-8:00p
RockBand/Guitar Hero
Come Rock Out @ your Library.

April 14th and May 12th (Tue) 7:00-8:00p
Tuesday Evening Book Club.

April 11th & 25th (Sat) 2:00-4:00p
Needleworks Knit/Crochet /Embroidery
Bring your project or come to learn.
For Knitting: 1 ball of worsted weight yarn + size 8
knitting needles
For Crochet: 1 ball of worsted weight yarn + size h
crochet hook.

COMPUTER CLASSES!!

April 20th (Mon) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
Meet the Computer.

April 21st (Tue) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
Windows Desktop

April 22nd (Wed) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
Web Basics

April 23rd (Thur) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
Search the Web

April 25th (Sat) 2:00-4:00p Computer Class:
Email I

April 27th (Mon) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
Email II

April 28th (Tue) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
MS Word I

April 29th (Wed) 6:00-8:00p Computer Class:
MS Word II

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

NEWS FROM AROUND THE BLOCK

Notes from the Principal By Susan Peery

This year we have four construction projects underway. The new roof was completed in November and our library is back to normal. We purchased new blinds for our library windows and returned the enlarged pictures of our students to the walls.

Our major construction of the new wing is currently ahead of schedule. It is due to open in August of 2010 but, weather permitting, it may be ready sooner. This new two-story wing will house an enlarged gym, a music room, a multi-purpose room, 18 classrooms, a teacher's lounge and two to three conference rooms/teacher resource rooms.

We have just added large canopies over our playground areas. You may be able to see them from your house. They are red, yellow and blue and will allow the children to play out of direct sunlight. We also had water fountains installed on the large playground.

Finally, the construction on the new clinic began March 20, 2009. The clinic addition is in the front of the building next to our main entrance. The workers plan to work from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This project is set to be completed by August of 2009. We have been advised that parts of it will be quite noisy.

Although it is difficult to make changes in routines and procedures, it will all be worth it when we open the doors of our brand new wing in August of 2010. We can't wait to have the space for our children. We thank all of you who have also had to make adjustments because of construction. We appreciate your continued support.

Susan Peery, Principal
El Dorado Elementary

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION:

Councilman John Clamp
District 10 Field Office
3300 Nacogdoches Rd., Suite 108
San Antonio, TX 78217

HEADS UP—EYES OPEN IMPORTANT POOL INFORMATION

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE POOL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING OFF AND ON SINCE WE CLOSED LAST SEASON. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE AWARE THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE AN OPERATING POOL WITHOUT THIS COMMITTEE. YOU AND I COULD NOT ENJOY OUR POOL WITHOUT THEM. AS HARD AS WE WORK, WE STILL NEED YOUR DUES (COLD HARD CASH) TO PAY FOR THE THINGS THE VOLUNTEERS CANNOT. I WISH EVERYONE FELT AS I DO: "IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE THIS POOL FOR THE FAMILIES THAT ARE HERE NOW AND THOSE THAT COME AFTER US." FAMILY RECREATION IS A KEY FACTOR IN BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES AND RESPONSIBLE YOUTH. PAY YOUR DUES AND DO YOUR PART IN THE PRESERVATION OF THIS UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE CALL HOME.

MAJOR CHANGES WILL OCCUR THIS YEAR IN THE POOL GATE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE. 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 LOST ID TAG WILL BE \$10.00.

PICTURE ID SCHEDULE:

- A. MAY 9, 2009 12PM-3PM AT THE POOL
- B. MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
(LOOK FOR TIMES IN THE NEXT SUNBURST)
- C. ADDITIONAL DATES WILL BE LISTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SUNBURST

THERE WILL ALSO BE CHANGES IN THE POOL HOURS. BRIEFLY:

MONDAY: POOL CLOSED
TUE-SUN: 1:30-5:00PM LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY
5:00-7:00PM FAMILY SWIM
(NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY)

YOUR COOPERATION IN SUCCESSFULLY INSTITUTING THESE CHANGES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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El Dorado Homes Association Calendar

January	2nd Monday 3rd Monday 4th Monday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
February	2nd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting
March	2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
April	1st Saturday 2nd Monday 3rd Monday	Easter Egg Hunt Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting
May	1st Week 2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday 4th Saturday	Exemplary Homes Judging Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting Pool Opens Memorial Day Weekend
June	2nd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting
July	July 4th 2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday	Independence Day Parade Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
August	1st Week 2nd Monday 3rd Monday	Exemplary Homes Judging Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting
September	1st Monday 2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Saturday	Pool Closes on Labor Day Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting Exemplary Homes Party
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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other offer
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For up-to-the-minute information and to access message boards, please visit us at:

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18 Holes on a Golf Course

MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
SPECIAL PRESENTATION – APRIL 13, 2009

Did you know that mediation is available at no charge, with no income screening, to any individual, organization or business in Bexar County, to help them work through disputes? This service is provided by the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center (BCDRC).

Mediation is a voluntary process where a neutral, trained mediator from BCDRC helps the parties discuss the situation from their respective viewpoints, explore options, and reach mutually satisfactory agreements that the mediator will put into writing.

Typical problems encountered by the BCDRC include:

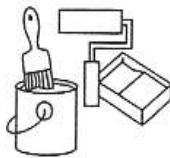
- Conflicts between neighbors (Code Compliance calls, fences, property lines, animals, noise, etc.)
- Business and customer problems (Work not done satisfactorily, work done but not paid for, car purchases, etc.)
- Landlord and tenant complaints (Rent not paid, repairs not done, safety concerns, security deposit issues.)
- Family members (Dissent on how best to help a parent or sibling who can't care for themselves, what to with "the house" once a parent dies, money issues, adult children back at home)
- Friends (Items loaned but not returned, money owed, moving out of shared housing)

Ms. Rosie Gonzalez, Intake Coordinator for the BCDRC, will speak on the activities of the BCDRC at our EDHA Board meeting at the El Dorado Clubhouse at 7 PM, Monday, April 13. After a brief presentation, MS. Gonzalez will take questions from the audience about the services outlined above and related issues that may be of interest to you. If you have a concern about any of the issues mentioned, this will be an excellent opportunity for you to learn how to approach the BCDRC for assistance.

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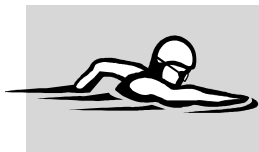
Welcome Wagon

If you have a new neighbor, or if you ARE a new neighbor, please contact your Area Representative or our Welcome Wagon Chairperson. If you are unsure of your area, please contact the Welcome Wagon Chairperson or any board member listed on Page 2 of this publication. We would like to personally welcome all new neighbors and provide information about the community and the El Dorado Homes Association, but we can't do that if we aren't alerted as families move into the neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION DOG WALKERS!

PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP!

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. Watch for more details in the May Sunburst! For more information, contact Roslyn Harding at 967-0183 or roz4919@sbcglobal.net.

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Is Knuckle Cracking Dangerous?

Do you know how a carbonated drink fizzes when you first open it? Carbon dioxide dissolved in the liquid forms bubbles when you pop the top and release the pressure. The same phenomenon can happen in our joints because nitrogen gas that we inhale disperses in all our tissues. By stretching a joint and reducing its pressure, a bubble of nitrogen briefly forms with a popping noise. Is knuckle cracking dangerous? Obnoxious, maybe, but not dangerous. This bubble forming phenomenon is perfectly harmless to the joint.

How About Finger Sucking?

Bones respond to the forces that are applied to them and slowly alter their shape and density to resist those forces. Based on this principle, braces align teeth by slowly altering their position within the remodeling bone. Teeth will also move against the pressure of a sucked finger, although not where the orthodontist would want them to go. Logically, but less well known, while the finger is pushing on the teeth, the teeth are equally pushing hard on the finger. Finger deformities ensue and may require surgery to bring back the digital pacifier back into satisfactory alignment for keyboard activities and appearance. A child has to suck intensely for 10 to 12 years to deform a finger, so it is not a common occurrence, but an awareness of the phenomenon shows bone is a remarkable, responsive living tissue.

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Hats Off To...

Jane Krafft

Who, for years and on her own, has painted out graffiti in our neighborhood. She has now joined the City Graffiti Wipe

Out and gets her supply of paint on demand!

Thanks, Jane!

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)

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