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## **By Rich Taylor**

Several resident families of El Dorado took advantage of the scheduled Dial-A-Trailer on October 17 and cleared their homes and yards of huge amounts of trash and debris. Thanks to all of you who used this opportunity. If you missed the chance this time, watch for the "Yellow Tag" schedule in December.

All of El Dorado owes a special thanks to those who spent their Saturday morning mowing, picking up trash, clearing brush and litter from around the lake, and removing the overgrowth from along the side of Leonhardt Road to remove the vision obstructions from the intersection of El Arroyo and Leonhardt toward the railroad.

At the risk of leaving out some folks who helped, I specifically thank Ann Caldwell and her son Tanner and Tanner's friend; James Friesenhahn; Tracy Jacobsen; Don Malik; Kevin Meyer; Brian Nix; James Patterson; Lola Olsmith; Brent Tabor; my wife Curt; Margaret Timm; and finally, a new resident on La Lira whose name I did not get. She said she saw folks at work and came out to help with what she thought was a good thing. Thank you Mrs. new resident!

Unfortunately, we did not get as much done as we could have if more residents had joined us for a few hours to help. We all hope to see more of you to help next time we have an event of such value to our neighborhood.

I must again caution every resident to remain alert for any activity around your home or anywhere in the neighborhood which seems suspicious. There were at least four burglaries in the past month. There were also several instances of vandalism which may very well have been performed by local residents. Parents, I encourage you to know where your family members are and who they are associating with. Please immediately call the police and report any suspicious activity. The home and property you protect by watching the entire neighborhood and reporting questionable activity may very well be your own.

Yours for a better El Dorado.  
Rich Taylor

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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, you can find it on the neighborhood map on the back cover of this newsletter. You can also 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.

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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

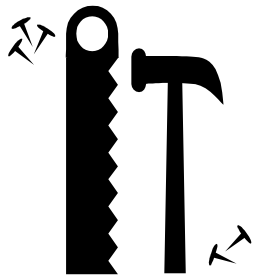


## El Dorado Helping Hands

We have a core group of volunteers available to assist El Dorado residents with small tasks. Because we have had very little response to this program, and because of the difficult economic climate, we would like to open this program to people other than just senior citizens and people with disabilities. If you are an El Dorado resident and you could use a "helping hand," or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie Gifford at 655-9594 or EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com.

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# **N**otes from the Principal

## **By Susan Peery, El Dorado Elementary School**

First of all I want to thank the community and the editors for this space to communicate. As an established elementary school, we appreciate each one of you as a member of our school community. We are working diligently to ensure that each child meets grade level expectations and we could use extra adult attention to accomplish our goal. If you would like to volunteer as a mentor to a child, please call 650-1450 and leave a message that you are interested in mentoring and/or volunteering. We will get in touch with you in a timely manner. Thirty minutes a week can go a long way.

### **Veteran's Day**

We are planning our fabulous Veteran's Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11 at 9:45am. Thanks to our Social Studies Committee, our PTA, and the assistance of our community volunteer, Pat Burchard, we are looking forward to an honorable celebration. Please make plans to attend.

### **Construction**

The new clinic is open; our new wing is getting closer to completion; and our parking lot is getting its final touches. Although the parking lot has presented many challenges, we have worked diligently to overcome these challenges. We are now dismissing children in a smooth and efficient way. However, we need to continue to work on following consistent procedures to ensure our children's safety in the morning and in the afternoon. Again, thank you for your patience while we monitor and adjust as phases of construction near completion. The renewed appearance of El Dorado will make it all worth it.

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## **Recipe of the Month**

### **Pumpkin Cake**

3 C sugar	3 1/2 C flour
1 C oil (Crisco)	2 t soda (heaping)
2/3 C water	1 t salt
4 eggs	1 t cinnamon
2 C canned pumpkin	1 t nutmeg

Mix sugar, oil, water, eggs and pumpkin. Mix in sifted dry ingredients. Pour into tube pan (greased & floured). Bake 1 hour 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Good with cream cheese frosting.

Dorothy Felty  
What's Cooking in El Dorado  
August 1976

Dorothy Felty lived in El Dorado throughout the 70's and 80's. Unfortunately, she passed away in August, 2009.



## MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Time To Make Sure You're In The Right Plan

(ARA) - Of the more than 45 million people relying on Medicare for health care coverage, many may be paying for a plan that doesn't meet their needs or is too expensive. However, Medicare annual enrollment, which starts Nov. 15 and ends Dec. 31, offers anyone with Medicare the opportunity to switch plans so that they're getting the most from their coverage.

"Many people don't understand they have a wide variety of choices when it comes to Medicare coverage and too few review their needs before re-enrolling each year," says Paul Gada, personal financial planning director for Allsup Medicare Advisor, an objective plan selection service that helps people understand and choose the most appropriate Medicare plan for their health care needs.

Individuals need to consider the following questions to evaluate whether they should switch plans before the enrollment deadline:

1. Will traditional Medicare or Medicare Advantage work best for me?

If you visit the doctor often and take prescription drugs, a Medicare Advantage plan may best fit your needs. If you only require routine medical visits and few prescriptions, traditional Medicare with a prescription drug plan may work best. From year to year, your answer to this question may change since your needs are likely to change.

2. Do I need a supplemental plan?

Medicare supplemental insurance can help pay costs not covered under traditional Medicare. However, not everyone needs this coverage, including those who are eligible for Medicaid, have employer-provided group health insurance or have a Medicare Advantage plan.

3. Should I use Medicare instead of my private health coverage?

If you have coverage through a former or current employer, speak to the plan administrator before making changes. Consider comparing your private plan to your Medicare options, especially if your private plan is limited or the cost has increased significantly.

4. Can I keep my doctors?

The majority of health care providers (doctors, hospitals, physical therapists, etc.) accept traditional Medicare. Medicare Advantage plans offer broad access, but this doesn't mean all doctors participate. Before joining a plan, determine if your doctor accepts it.

5. Does the plan cover prescription drugs?

Traditional Medicare doesn't generally cover medications

unless they're administered in the doctor's office or hospital. You have to enroll, usually at an additional cost, in a Part D plan for this coverage. Medicare Advantage plans, however, can offer prescription drug coverage.

6. Are my drugs covered?

Each prescription drug plan has a list of drugs (formulary) that it covers. Drugs covered by a plan can change, so you need to review this list each year.

7. Are my prescriptions expensive enough that I could fall into the Medicare "donut hole?"

Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage and stand-alone Part D plans may have a coverage gap, sometimes known as the "donut hole." This means once you have paid your deductibles and the plan has paid its coverage - you'll have to pay the full cost until it reaches a certain dollar level. In 2009, this dollar amount was \$3,453.75. Only after this out-of-pocket amount is paid does Medicare begin covering costs again.

8. How much will I have to pay?

Traditional Medicare may be inexpensive, but it comes with high deductibles. Medicare Advantage plans may have similar or higher monthly premiums, but offer a zero-dollar deductible and low co-pays; some also cap total out-of-pocket costs.

9. Will the plan cover additional services?

Some Medicare Advantage plans cover dental, vision and health and wellness programs not available through traditional Medicare.

10. Will I be covered while traveling?

Traditional Medicare provides coverage nationwide. Some Medicare Advantage plans restrict coverage to certain areas, but many offer out-of-network coverage for emergency care.

Reviewing your needs every year - especially with the experienced help of an independent Medicare plan selection service like Allsup Medicare Advisor - before annual enrollment is crucial to ensure coverage, Gada says.

"Medicare is like any other type of insurance; you don't want to be under-insured. But you also don't want to pay for things you don't need," Gada says.

For more information, Allsup offers a free screening to help determine eligibility for Allsup Medicare Advisor at [ama.allsup.com](http://ama.allsup.com).

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## What to Take To Bed With You

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.: Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

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Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and it requires no installation. Test it.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and the criminal surely won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

It could also be useful for a medical emergency such as a heart attack or a fall. A person could activate the car alarm by pressing the panic button, and it could alert those in the area that there is a problem.

Multiple submissions received at  
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## ZIPLOC OMELET



This works great!!! It's good for when all your family is together. The best part is that no one has to wait for their special omelet!

Have guests write their name on a quart-size Ziploc freezer bag with permanent marker.

Crack 2 eggs (large or extra-large) into the bag (not more than 2) and shake to combine them.

Put out a variety of ingredients such as: cheeses, ham, onion, green pepper, tomato, hash browns, salsa, etc.

Each guest adds prepared ingredients of choice to their bag and shake. Make sure to get the air out of the bag and zip it up.

Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly 13 minutes [we did 15 minutes]. You can usually cook 6-8 omelets in a large pot. For more, make another pot of boiling water.

Open the bags and the omelet will roll out easily. Be prepared for everyone to be amazed. This is nice to serve with fresh fruit and coffee cake; everyone gets involved in the process and it makes a great conversation piece.

Imagine having these ready the night before, and putting the bag in boiling water while you get ready. And in 15 minutes, you've got a nice omelet for a quick breakfast!

## Beneficial Birds

Give birds a place to perch. Insect-eating birds do the most good when they are actually in your garden with the pests. Give the birds a perch in the middle of your seedlings and plantings where they can scope out the bugs. A piece of rebar bend in a u-shape works well. Just make sure it's as long as it is tall to keep cats away. Birds will also come into your yard when there is water available. An easy way to attract them is with a slow-dripping plastic milk jug. Punch a tiny hole in the bottom of the milk jug with a needle. Hang the water jug from a tree and place a saucer or birdbath underneath. The jug should empty in about two days, but the dripping sound will lure the insect-eating birds.

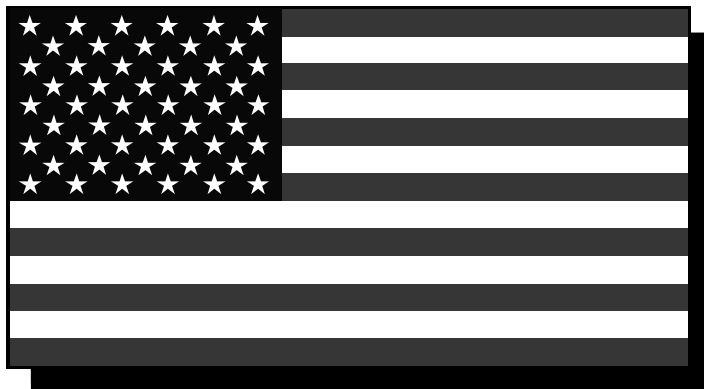
Submitted by Cindy Garrett

## EL DORADO VETERANS

The following residents of El Dorado are veterans of the Armed Services. The Sunburst Staff appreciates those veterans who notified us of their military service. We know that there are many more veterans and retired servicemen living in El Dorado and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your service to your country. If you would like to be included on this list in the future please contact the Editor of the Sunburst at EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com. It's not too early for NEXT YEAR!

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Frank U. Roquemore, Jr., COL, USA Ret (Infantry), 31 years  
Charles F. Schermerhorn, SGT, USA, 6 years  
Richard I. Taylor, LtCol, USAF Ret, 21 years  
James E. Towle, Jr., CW03, USA Ret, 21 years

*And I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.  
~ Lee Greenwood*



## Celebrate America's Military

**During Celebrate America's Military 2009, San Antonio's military and community can enjoy these free events:**

November 7-8: Two day Air Fest at Randolph AFB

November 7: Veterans Day Parade through downtown San Antonio

November 10: Tops in Blue Concert at Municipal Auditorium

November 11: San Antonio Symphony Veterans Day Concert at Municipal Auditorium

November 11: Wreath laying at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

November 11: Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony at San Antonio National Cemetery

**In addition to the free events listed above, CAM 2009 will have celebratory events that you must register for including the Kickoff Luncheon, "Spirit of America" Dinner, AFA Combat Breakfast, AUSA Luncheon, CAM Golf Tournament, and many more.**

**Contact Will Garrett at 210-229-2163 for more details on how to participate.**

Source: The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

# 311

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## New Operating Hours for 311 Call Center

Effective October 1, 2009, the City's 311 Call Center has changed its service hours from 24 hours a day/7 days a week to **7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday-Sunday**, including holidays.

An invisible man marries an invisible woman.  
Their kids were nothing to look at either!

Submitted by Cindy Garrett

ATTENTION DOG  
WALKERS!  
PLEASE SCOOP THE  
POOP!

## Green Hints

- ◆ Put Bounce in your back pocket to keep bees away.
- ◆ Deodorize shoes or sneakers by putting a sheet of Bounce in them overnight.
- ◆ Use a sheet of Bounce to wipe up sawdust from drilling or sandpaper.
- ◆ Use a sheet of Bounce to collect cat hair.
- ◆ Use a sheet of Bounce to freshen the air in your car.
- ◆ Place a sheet of Bounce in a musty suitcase.
- ◆ A sheet of Bounce will repel ants and mice.
- ◆ Put a sheet of Bounce in your vacuum to refresh a room.

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At the discretion of the editorial staff, anonymous "Dear Neighbor" letters are being accepted for publication. All submissions should be civilized and generally relevant to all of the residents of El Dorado.

*Dear Neighbor,  
I would appreciate it very much if you would stop blowing all of your yard debris (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) out into the street. Perhaps you are unaware that it ends up at the curb in front of my house and that, in turn, I end up cleaning up after you. Etiquette and common courtesy dictates that you should "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."*

*Thank you,  
Your Neighbor*

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:

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/sat/dorado](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sat/dorado)

## Thanksgiving Garbage Collection

According to the City of San Antonio, garbage collection scheduled for Thursday, November 26th, will "slide" to **Wednesday, November 25th.**



**Thousand Oaks Branch Library  
November 2009  
4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.  
657-5205**

**New Library Hours  
Monday & Wednesday 12:00p-8:00p  
Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat & Sun 10:00a-6:00p**

**Wednesdays (Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>)  
12:30-2:30p *Résumé and Job Hunting Help***

Looking for a job and need a little help?  
A staff member will be available to help you create a résumé or assist you with online applications.  
Tip: Bring your work history.

**Wednesdays (Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>)  
5:00p *Teens at Thousand Oaks*  
Books, crafts, games, movies... grades 6 and up**

**Thursdays Story time (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>)  
10:00a Recommended for children ages 18mo – 3 years  
11:00a Recommended for children ages 3 – 5 years**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday)  
6:30-7:30p Monday Afternoon Book Club.  
Discussion of the book:  
Suite Française by Irène Némirovsky**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)  
6:15-7:15p GREATJUBILEE Dance Company Recital**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
10:00-2:00p Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library  
Book Sale.  
Come find great deals on books, cd's, DVD's  
and more books!!!**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
12:00-2:00p Scholastic Literacy Caravan  
Join us for free art and reading activities on board the  
Lee y seras Literacy Caravan!**

### Department of Community Initiatives Computer Classes

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Meet the Computer  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Windows Desktop  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Web Basics  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Search the Web  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Email I  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Microsoft Word I  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00p Microsoft Excel I

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

# Thanksgiving Turkey Trivia



Amaze your friends with your knowledge about the most popular bird during Thanksgiving.

Here are some interesting facts:

- ◆ As far back as 1000 A.D., Native American Indians raised turkeys for food. Aztec Indians in Mexico were raising them as early as 200B.C.
- ◆ Turkeys originally existed in the eastern US. and Mexico.
- ◆ The turkey industry grosses over \$1billion a year.
- ◆ The Average American consumes over 15 pounds of Turkey per year.
- ◆ Americans consume over 675 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
- ◆ Turkey, like poultry, is lower in cholesterol than beef an many other meats. The dark meat (thigh, legs,) contains more fat and cholesterol than white meat. So, that's why dark meat tastes so good!
- ◆ Male Turkeys are called "Toms", female turkeys are called "Hens" and baby turkeys are called "poults."
- ◆ Turkey eggs are tan in color and speckled with brown. They are about twice as large as chicken eggs.
- ◆ In 1947, the first Presidential pardon was ceremoniously given to a turkey.
- ◆ That long, loose skin that hangs down from a turkey's neck is called a "wattle."
- ◆ Sleepy after the big meal? Turkey contains an amino acid called "Tryptophan." Tryptophan sets off a chemical chain reaction that calms you down and makes you sleepy.

The wishbone is a tradition of Thanksgiving. Allow the wishbone to dry. Then, two people grasp each end of the wishbone. After making a silent wish, they pull it away. Whoever gets the joint portion, gets their wish.

**Did you Know?** Benjamin Franklin argued that the Turkey should be our National Bird. He stated that it was more respectable and a native of North America.

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## Another Way to Cover Graffiti

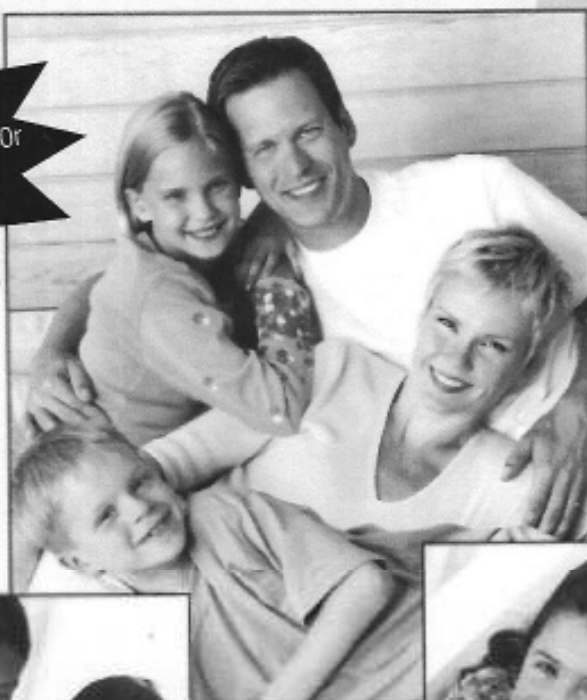
Graffiti on a wood fence is a common problem, and they recommend you remove it promptly. The typical homeowner paints over it with a solid block of tan, gray, or brown, making a sharp rectangle in an attempt to be neat. Sometimes people cover subsequent graffiti with squares of different shades. We have all seen these patchwork fences. The graffiti has been removed but the fence is still defaced.

Krylon sells a can of spray paint called Camouflage Ultra-Flat, in Khaki (tan). Camouflage paint is intended to blend into natural underbrush and trees, and the khaki color is a close match for a weathered wood fence. If you spray mainly with the grain and feather it to blend the edges, you can cover graffiti and leave your fence looking very natural. I have used this on a long fence that was tagged with black, green, and red, and you would not know there was ever a problem.

Krylon camouflage paint will not blend with a new fence if the wood is still green. It will also show on a fence that has darkened with mildew. However, on normal weathered wood, it practically disappears. I buy it at Wal-Mart. If you have graffiti on your weathered wood fence, this is worth a try. You can always go back over it with a brushed-on rectangle if you are not satisfied with the appearance, but I have found I get better results this way.

Submitted by Carol C.

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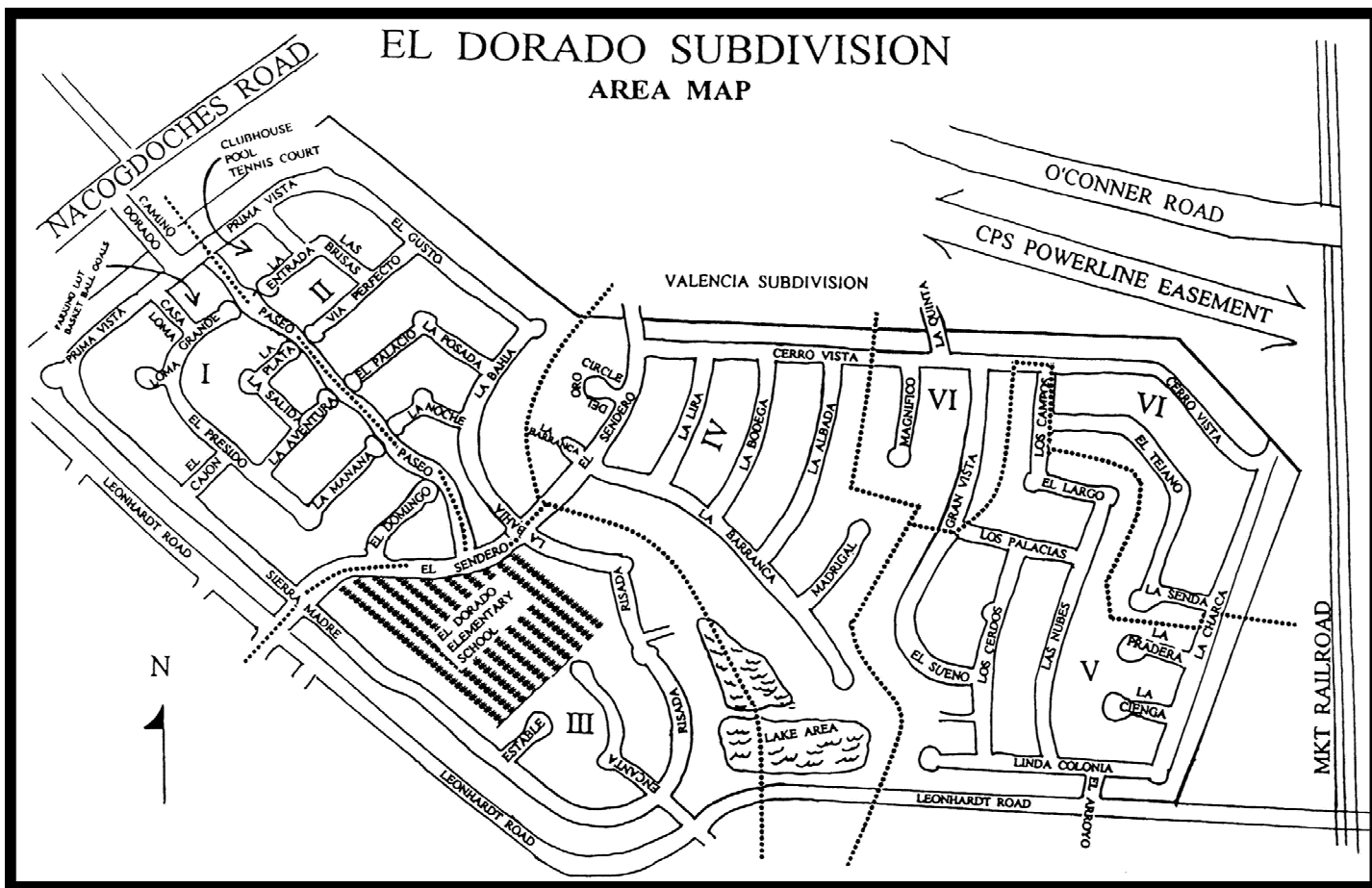
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# EL DORADO SUBDIVISION AREA MAP



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

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Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other household members at this address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| ◆ 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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