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Sunburst

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p resident's Notes

By Rich Taylor

I wish every El Dorado resident a Merry Christmas with family and friends. Please join in the spirit of the season by participating in the Christmas Lighting Contest. Use your ingenuity and make your home a showplace for every passerby to enjoy.

Parents, please plan to bring your children to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 12 at the Clubhouse. Our volunteers work hard to bring this special event to the kids of El Dorado every year.

Remember that December will be "Yellow Tag" brush and bulky item pickup month. Plan now to trim your trees so none of them hang less than 14 feet above the street or sidewalk. Get rid of other trash and start the New Year with your home and yard as a good example for the rest of the community.

This is also a good time to resolve to store your large recycle and trash containers in your garage or back yard except on pickup days. Show more pride in the appearance of your home by storing those ugly bins out of sight.

Thanks to Jerry Hood and the faithful participants in the Cellular On Patrol (COP) program. By patrolling at various times their presence serves to deter improper activities in our community. You can add to that deterrent force by joining COP to increase the number of patrols so those with mischief in mind will know they may be seen and reported. Learn more by attending the COP Meetings at the Clubhouse on the third Monday of each month.

Without space to name them all, I want to thank some who help make El Dorado a wonderful place. Our Sunburst Editor, Jamie Gifford, works countless hours to make all the information fall into place at the right time, and the distribution team promptly gets it to your door. Linda Garriss and her pool team do a great job, as does Eric Meyer with Exemplary Homes. Margaret Timm changes the information signs each Tuesday to keep you informed. Our area representatives serve in many ways. Look for biographical sketches of our three newest representatives elsewhere in this issue. Our new clubhouse manager, Melissa Miller, with her able assistant Glenn, is doing a fantastic job while Lola Olsmith and Don Malik work efficiently behind the scenes as Secretary and Treasurer. Thank you all!

Best wishes for a wonderful, healthy and prosperous 2010.

Rich Taylor

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

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El Dorado Homes Association Calendar

December

2nd Monday
2nd Saturday
2nd Week
3rd Monday

Neighborhood Meeting
Breakfast with Santa
Christmas Light Judging
COP Meeting

January

2nd Monday
3rd Monday
4th Monday

Neighborhood Meeting
COP Meeting
District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting



Hats Off To...

Frank Benton

of Texas Lawn Sprinkler Company, for having his employee make extensive repairs to the Clubhouse lawn sprinkler system at no cost to the Association.

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MORE?

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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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*~ Washington Irving, The Sketch
Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent*

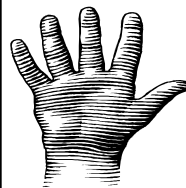
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*The time it would take one to fly
around the globe at that pace.*

On, Dasher!



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.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be making an early stop in El Dorado on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Club House! Come join us for breakfast! Bring your appetite, your wish list and your camera to take your photo with Santa!



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Goodbye Neighbors!

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We will miss them for sure!

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Combine all ingredients in order and mix well.
Pour into well greased 10" glass pie pan and
bake 45 min to an hour at 300 degrees until
golden brown.

Submitted by Peggy Carmichael
What's Cooking in El Dorado
August, 1976

District 10 Councilman John Clamp

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What a great place to live!

Lady Bird Johnson was quoted as saying: "While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, it is even more important now because neighbors are so many."

Doing home health care, I have been to many neighborhoods throughout the city. Really, it doesn't matter where you live, there will always be some run down homes and disruptive individuals. I was in a \$300,000.00 development where there was a foreclosure trashed out and left idle. What is important is those around us, not the location or price range. Every year, when we have National Night Out, we get to visit, meet and get reacquainted. However, it doesn't have to take a party to connect with your neighbors.

1. Wave even though you may not know someone.
2. Stop and compliment a neighbor on their yard, decorations or the dog they are walking.
3. Swap plants and landscaping supplies.
4. Share you extra garden produce.
5. If you know a person (s) who are alone or elderly, bring them some dessert or leftovers.
6. Volunteer to watch someone's house when they are at work or away. Ask them to do the same for you. Pick up their mail or newspaper.
7. Check on someone who is sick or who may need help.
8. Call 911 to report suspicious activity or your neighborhood police officer. Discuss concerns. Don't be afraid to call 311 to report code violations such as overgrown lawns, trash, sound violations, broken fences, abandoned houses and cars.
9. We have a lot of military who live here. Volunteer to help a spouse who is by themselves while their partner is deployed or overseas.

What are the benefits of all this? One neighbor was on vacation and another neighbor saw a strange person looking at the house to rob. The police were called and a robbery was averted. Another person had her dogs escape and her neighbors rounded up the two escapees. Another neighbor had a heart attack and was checked on when she returned home. Trading succulents with one another, both neighbors have beautiful gardens. So take the time. Stop and talk to one another. Establish a face, name and address. We are not islands. That's what makes neighborhoods strong. That's what makes El Dorado great.

Submitted by Cindy Garrett



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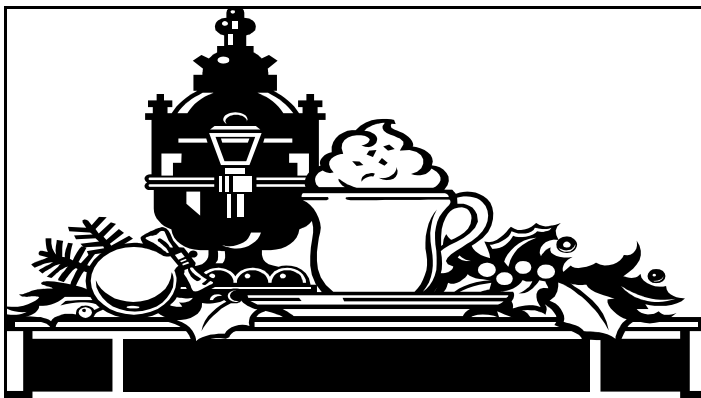
At the discretion of the editorial staff, anonymous "Dear Neighbor" letters are being accepted for publication. All submissions should be civilized and generally relevant to all of the residents of El Dorado.

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for putting my paper by my door every morning that you go walking and also for checking on me weekly when you don't see any sign of me outside.

Sincerely,

Your Neighbor



REEL LIFE

It's A Wonderful Life Trivia

- ◆ Despite star Jimmy Stewart and director Frank Capra, the movie was not a big commercial hit when it was first released in 1946. It may have been due to a marketing error: Liberty films released the movie—a Christmas film—after Christmas.
- ◆ The original ending of the film had the Baileys and their friends sing “Ode to Joy,” not “Auld Lang Syne.”
- ◆ Ever notice Jimmy Stewart sweating profusely in the scene where he’s about to jump off the bridge in the falling snow? It’s because it was 90 degrees the day the scene was shot.
- ◆ Capra’s first picks for the lead roles: Cary Grant and Jean Arthur.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to El Dorado resident Louis Raiborn on his performance in October at the Texas State Senior Games, which was held in Houston. He competed in multiple swimming events and a 5k Road Race. He earned four 1st place and one 2nd place victories in swimming and a 4th place in the 5k for his 75-79 year old age bracket. Mr. Raiborn plans to compete in the 2010 Texas State Senior Games and also in the 2011 Summer National Games, which will also be held in Houston. His new goal is to beat his times in his swimming events.

Keep up the good work!

If you are thinking of renting the Club House, you should make your reservations now! According to Club House Manager Melissa Miller, as of mid-November, several Graduation parties have already been booked! Please plan ahead to avoid disappointment.

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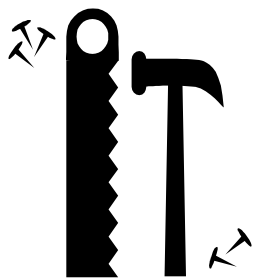
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Fever

Fever is rare with a cold.

Fever is usually present with the flu in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days is associated with the flu.

Coughing

A hacking, productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.

A non-productive (non-mucus-producing) cough is usually present with the flu (sometimes referred to as dry cough).

Aches

Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold.

Severe aches and pains are common with the flu.

Stuffy Nose

Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.

Stuffy nose is not commonly present with the flu.

Chills

Chills are uncommon with a cold.

60% of people who have the flu experience chills.

Tiredness

Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.

Tiredness is moderate to severe with the flu.

Sneezing

Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.

Sneezing is not common with the flu.

Sudden Symptoms

Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.

The flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.

Headache

A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.

A headache is very common with the flu, present in 80% of cases.

Sore Throat

Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.

Sore throat is not commonly present with the flu.

Chest Discomfort

Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.

Chest discomfort is often severe with the flu.

Welcome New Area Representatives

We are pleased to introduce and welcome three new area representatives:

Mike Dickey represents area I. Mike was a "military brat" whose father is retired from the Navy. They moved to San Antonio in 1986. Mike is a graduate of Madison High School and has lived in El Dorado since 1987. He and his wife Catherine and their children Erik, 8 and Kirsten, 4, live on Loma Grande. They attend Community Bible Church. Mike has been with American Funds Mutual Funds for nearly 16 years.

Reinette Alecozay, living on Sierra Madre and representing area III, is looking forward to serving El Dorado and members of the Homes Association. With an MBA from St Mary's University, she served as a contract negotiator and contract price analyst at Randolph AFB for 33 years where her effective management saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of tax dollars. She has served as school board trustee for the Shekinah Learning Institute Charter School System since 2007. She is also a member of the scholarship committee for the Legacy Educational Foundation.

Wil Portis lives on La Cieniga and is the new representative for area V. Wil retired from the U. S. Army as a Master Sergeant and has lived in El Dorado for 23 years. He has been married to Christine for 24 years. Wil is also retired from San Antonio Independent School District where he served as a Special Education teacher. Wil enjoys golf and Karaoke.

Healthy Snow Pea Soup

(Great for diabetics and those watching their diets)

Ingredients:

3/4 cup sliced green onions
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 T margarine (liquid or tub)
 1 lb. snow peas
 2 cups coarsely chopped romaine lettuce
 2 cups coarsely chopped spinach
 4 cups low sodium vegetable broth
 1/2 t dried tarragon
 1 T dried mint
 6 T plain fat free yogurt

Directions:

Sauté onions in margarine in large saucepan until tender. Add snow peas, lettuce and spinach. Sauté 5-10 minutes. Add broth, tarragon and mint. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer covered for 15 minutes or until snow peas are tender. Process soup in blender until smooth. Strain through a fine sieve. Serve warm or cold with yogurt garnish.

Per serving: Calories 90, Total fat 3g, Cholesterol 70mg, Sodium 70mg, Total carbohydrates 11g, Sugars 5g, Protein 7g

Submitted by Cindy Garrett

ATTENTION DOG WALKERS!
PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP!

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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(Dec 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd, & 30th)
5:00p *Teens at Thousand Oaks*
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grades 6 and up

Thursdays Story time
(Dec 3rd, 10th, & 17th)
10:00a Recommended for children
ages 18mo – 3 years
11:00a Recommended for children
ages 3 – 5 years

December 7th (Monday)
6:30-7:30p Monday Afternoon Book
Club.

Discussion of the book:
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

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

El Dorado
Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

Start right away to prepare your home
for the Annual El Dorado Christmas
Lighting Contest. A team of judges has
already been selected and judging will
begin on December 11 and run through the
next week. Previous year winners
have done fantastic jobs.

Do all you can do to be a winner this year!

1st Place

\$75 toward 2010 Maintenance Fee

2nd Place

\$50 toward 2010 Maintenance Fee

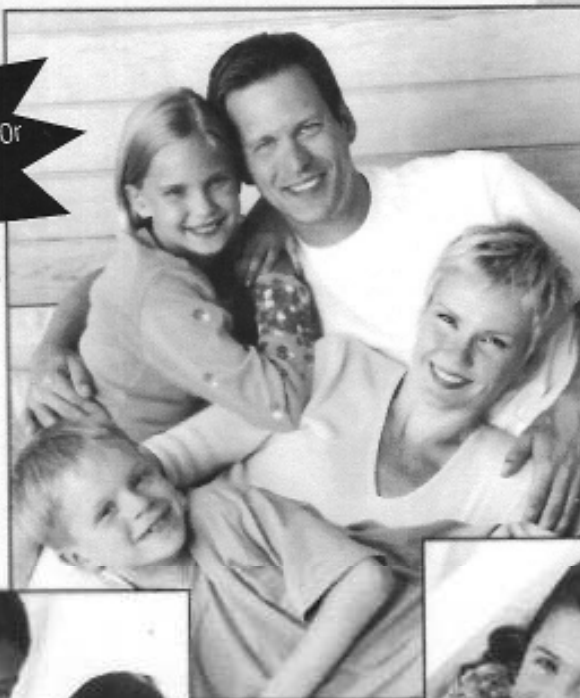
3rd Place

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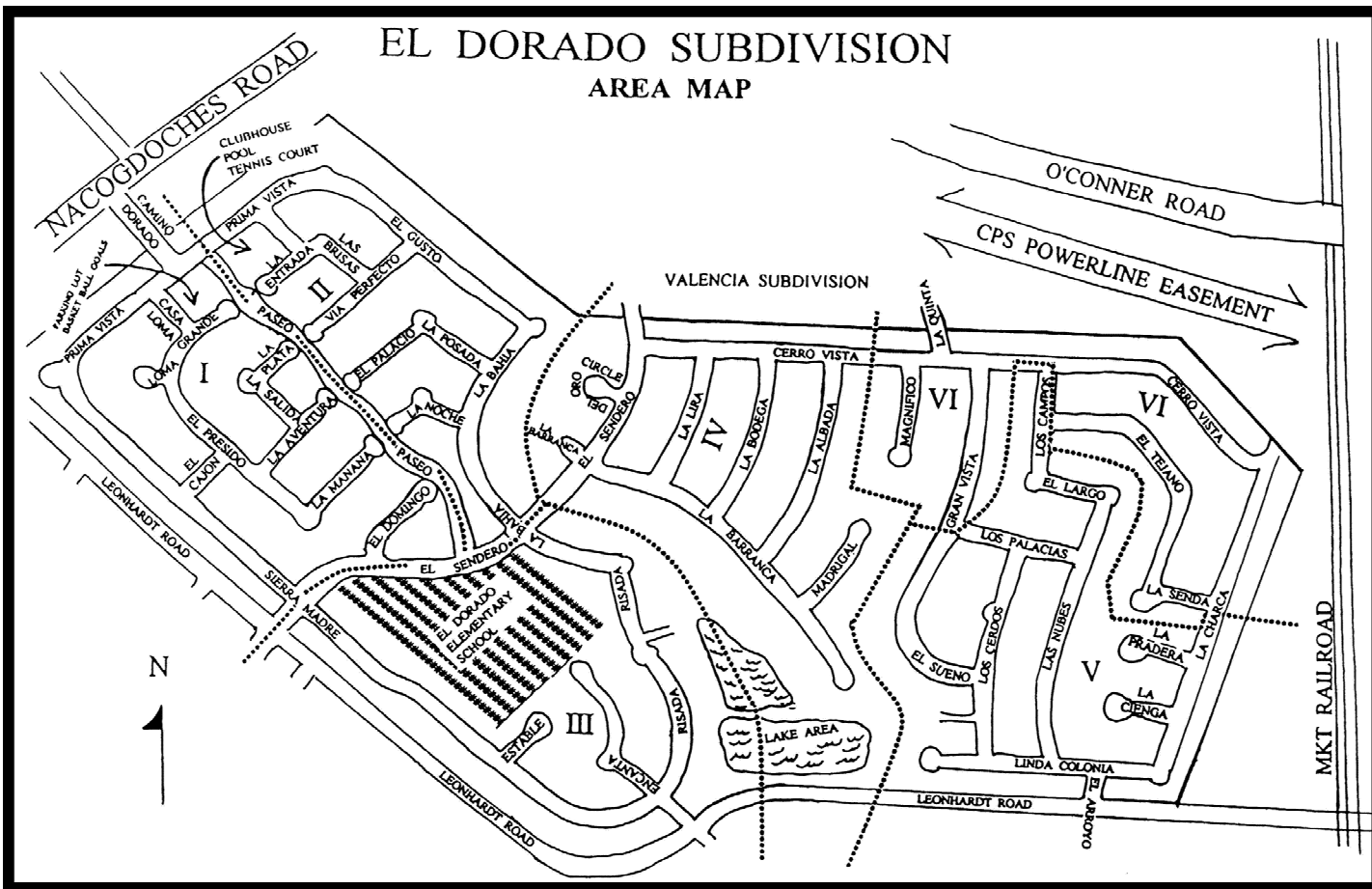


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EL DORADO SUBDIVISION AREA MAP



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.

Please Return to:
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