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p resident's Notes

By Rich Taylor

The holidays are over and all are getting back into their routines so this is a good time to encourage each El Dorado resident to commit to the benefit of the community by paying your maintenance fees early this year. Due to the age of the properties, the necessity for, and expense of, maintenance increases each year. Even with much of the maintenance and repair done by volunteers the monetary outlays are significant. Please do your part to keep El Dorado attractive through your financial support of the Association.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tolar for being the first in El Dorado to pay their maintenance fee this year. The Tolars have owned their home here since May 1972 and have lived here continually except for a couple times away in the military and at school. The Board extends our sincere appreciation to the Tolars for being such great supporters of El Dorado.

In addition to your monetary support of the Homes Association please take the opportunity for your personal involvement and input to benefit the community through participation in our neighborhood meetings the second Monday of each month. The Association Board values your input of ideas for the maintenance and improvement of the area.

Your Board also solicits your support through participation in our Cellular On Patrol (COP) program. The COP participants meet at the clubhouse the third Monday of each month and can always use more volunteers. Your commitment to team with someone to patrol the area for an hour or so each week will contribute to the safety and security of the entire community.

With Spring coming soon it is time to take a good look at your home and yard. What can you do to enhance the appearance of your area to make it one of the contenders for selection as an Exemplary Home during the competitions in May and August?

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Rich Taylor

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El Dorado Homes Association Calendar

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

Expect trouble as an inevitable part
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~Ann Landers

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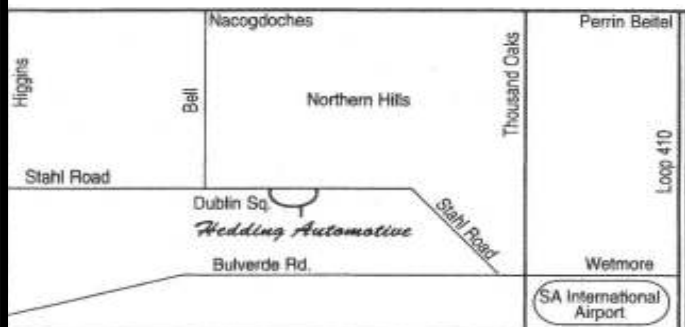
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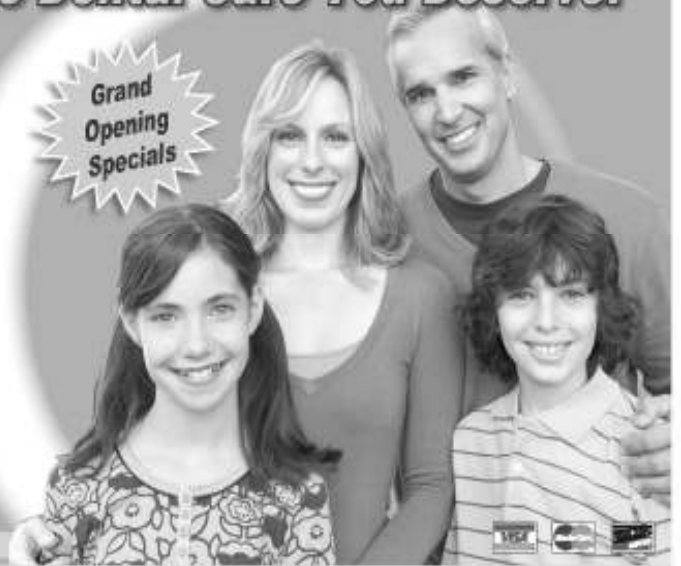
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Your Neighbor

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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FAIR
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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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“Orange Julius”

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1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 t. vanilla
5 or 6 ice cubes, broken

Combine all ingredients in blender container. Cover and blend until smooth, about 30 seconds. Serve immediately. Makes about 3 cups.

Lamont Vaille
What's Cooking in El Dorado
August, 1976

EXCERPTS FROM YOUR DEED/ COVENANT RESTRICTIONS:

No fence, wall, or hedge shall be built or maintained forward of the front wall line of the respective house, not including decorative walls or fences which are part of the architectural design of the house, and which are not to be built or maintained nearer than 20' to the front property line of any lot. An exception shall be made in the case of retaining walls of not over twelve inches above the ground.

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February Events

Feb 4-21

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Feb 13

Chocolate Day at San Antonio Botanical Garden

Chocolate fans of any age, this is for you! We're celebrating our annual Chocolate Day on Saturday, February 13 with special chocolate "flavored" activities from 10am to 2pm. Have some coco-licious fun while learning a thing or two about one of the most cherished sweets of all time! (210) 207-3255 www.sabot.org

Feb 20

Asian Festival at UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures

This event honors Asian cultures and traditions from the Middle East to the Pacific Rim. With a variety of delicious foods (Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Pakistani, Filipino and Polynesian, just to name a few!) and an array of performances, including martial arts and dance demonstrations. www.texancultures.com

THE RACE IS ON!!

By Lola Olsmith
Membership Chairman

El Dorado supporter, MR PAUL TOLAR, is the first to submit his 2010 general membership fee.

Paul and Ilse have owned their home since May, 1972. He served on the Board a couple of years when they first moved in. They were very involved with the swim team and numerous other activities. With the help of Bill Carter, who also lives in El Dorado, he started a Cub Scout Pack and worked with a Boy Scout Group.

The Tolars did not live here consistently, as he was in the military and spent a few years away at school as well as an assignment back in Germany where he first met his wife. They have been married 52 years and have two sons. He now keeps busy with several charities, mostly impacting children.

Paul says they love their home and will always be EDHA supporters.

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Hats Off To...

Don Malik

For going above and beyond to keep the Association's books. Don is consistently looking for ways to reduce costs, including researching worthless parcels of property that were "gifted" to EDHA, on which we had been paying property taxes for decades.

Thanks, Don!

HELP WANTED

See Page 2 for committee openings within EDHA!
This is your neighborhood.
You can make a difference!

Valentine's Day History



You'd think Valentine's Day trivia would start with the identity of the original Valentine. But nobody can say authoritatively who that was. One popular theory holds that Valentine was a Roman clergyman executed for performing secret marriages in defiance of Emperor Claudius II, who thought marriage weakened his soldiers.

Pope Gelasius I declared Feb. 14 as Valentine Day in A.D. 496. Over time, the Christian holiday became associated with romance and exchanging love messages. St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.

The modern history of Valentine's Day includes Esther Howland, a native of Massachusetts in the 1840s, who is credited with selling the first mass-produced valentine cards.

Source: About.com

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About Groundhog Day (February 2, 2010)



Here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the holiday:

- ♦ Yes! Punxsutawney Phil is the only true weather forecasting groundhog. The others are just impostors.
- ♦ How often is Phil's prediction correct? 100% of the time, of course!
- ♦ How many "Phils" have there been over the years? There has only been *one* Punxsutawney Phil. He has been making predictions for over 120 years!
- ♦ Punxsutawney Phil gets his longevity from drinking the "elixir of life," a secret recipe. Phil takes one sip every summer at the Groundhog Picnic and it magically gives him seven more years of life.
- ♦ On February 2, Phil comes out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob - in front of thousands of followers from all over the world - to predict the weather for the rest of winter.
- ♦ According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.
- ♦ No! Phil's forecasts are not made in advance by the Inner Circle. After Phil emerges from his burrow on February 2, he speaks to the Groundhog Club president in "Groundhogese" (a language only understood by the current president of the Inner Circle). His proclamation is then translated for the world.
- ♦ The celebration of Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May..."
- ♦ Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the 1800s. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob was made on February 2, 1887.
- ♦ So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

Source: groundhog.org



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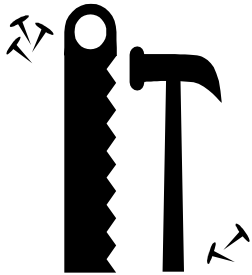
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Presidents Day Trivia

The third Monday in February is designated in the United States as Washington's Birthday, more commonly known as Presidents Day. This list looks at facts and traditions surrounding the celebration of this holiday.

1. Not Officially Presidents Day

As stated in the introduction, the federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February is not officially called Presidents Day. Instead, it is Washington's Birthday. There was an attempt in 1968 to officially name it Presidents Day. However, this suggestion died in committee. Many states, however, choose to call their own celebration on this day "Presidents Day."

2. Washington's Birthday Celebrated During Washington's Lifetime

Many across the newly formed United States celebrated Washington's Birthday in the 17th century while George Washington was still alive. However, it wasn't until 1885 that Chester Arthur signed the bill that made it a federal holiday.

3. Abraham Lincoln's Birthday is Not a Federal Holiday

Even though many states celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday concurrently with Washington's birthday, it is not a federally designated holiday.

4. Cherries, Cherries, and More Cherries

Traditionally, many celebrated and continue to celebrate Washington's Birthday with desserts made with cherries. Cherry pie, cherry cake, bread made with cherries, or just a huge bowl of cherries are often enjoyed on this day. Of course, this relates to the apocryphal story that Washington would not tell a lie when asked if he cut down a cherry tree.

5. Shopping and Sales

One thing that many people connect with Presidents Day is retail sales. In the 1980s, retailers began to use this holiday as a time to clear out their old stock in preparation for spring and summer. One wonders what George Washington would have thought about this celebration of his birthday.

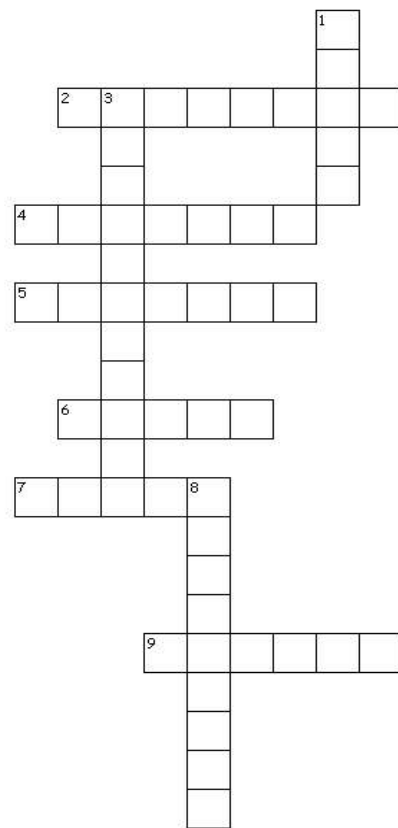
6. Reading of Washington's Farewell Address

On February 22nd of almost every year since 1888, Washington's Farewell Address has been read in the US Senate. While this does not happen on Presidents Day, it is an annual celebration of Washington's Birthday that stems from 1862 when the Address was read as a way to boost morale during the Civil War. This address was and is so important because it warns of political factionalism, geographical sectionalism, and interference by foreign powers in the nation's affairs. Washington stressed the importance of national unity over sectional differences.

Source: About.com



President's Day
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Across

- 2. Month when President's Day is celebrated
- 4. He was nicknamed honest Abe
- 5. George Washington battled the _____
- 6. A house divided against itself cannot _____
- 7. Lincoln was assassinated at _____ Theatre
- 9. Originally President's Day was in commemoration of _____ Washington's birthday

Down

- 1. George Washington is the _____ President of the United States of America
- 3. Abraham Lincoln was known as The Great _____
- 8. Abraham was the _____ President of the United States of America



On January 30th, 2010, the Cub Scouts of Pack 506 will be hanging door flyers in the El Dorado community announcing the Scouting/Goodwill annual Goodwill/Goodturn event. This event enables Scouts in the local area to collect gently used items and in turn will take these items to the Goodwill donation center. On February 6th the Cub Scouts will again return to the El Dorado community to pick up these items and present them to the Goodwill center in the area. We appreciate all the kind and generous contributions from the entire El Dorado community.

Did You Know?

- ◆ Store your open chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold.
- ◆ Reduce static cling: Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and static is gone.
- ◆ To get rid of a foggy windshield, buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove compartment. When the window is foggy, rub with eraser. Works better than a cloth.
- ◆ Use hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth.
- ◆ If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. It unseals easily.
- ◆ To get rid of fruit flies, take a small glass fill 1/2 full with apple cider vinegar and two drops of dishwashing liquid: mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever.

Adapted from Joyce Siebod
Submitted by Cindy Garrett

From Why and When to call SAPD

- ◆ Any vehicles moving slowly without lights, or following a course that appears aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location. Occupants may be "casing" for places to rob or burglarize, or could be drug pushers or sex offenders.
- ◆ Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more personas are especially significant if observed at an unusual hour. They could be lookouts for crime in progress.
- ◆ Vehicles being loaded with valuables are suspicious if parked in closed businesses or untended residences, even if the vehicle is a legitimate looking commercial unit.

Submitted by Cindy Garrett

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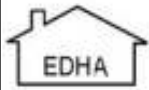
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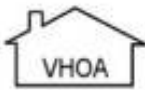
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Thousand Oaks Branch Library
February 2010
4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.
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February 1st (Monday)

**4:00p African-American
Heritage Month Program**

Craft and story to celebrate
African-American Heritage Month

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

Discussion of the book:
An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes
In New England by Brock Clarke

February 8th (Monday)

**6:30-7:30p African-American Heritage Month
Dance Program**

Free children's dance program to celebrate
African American Heritage Month.

Wednesdays (Feb 3rd, 10th, & 24th)

5:00p Teens at Thousand Oaks

Books, crafts, games, movies... grades 6 and up

Scrapbooking

Feb 8th & 22nd (Mondays) 4:00-5:30p

Bring your photos and supplies.
Some supplies such as paper, stamps and
ink pads will be provided.

Thursdays Story time

(Feb 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th)

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

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

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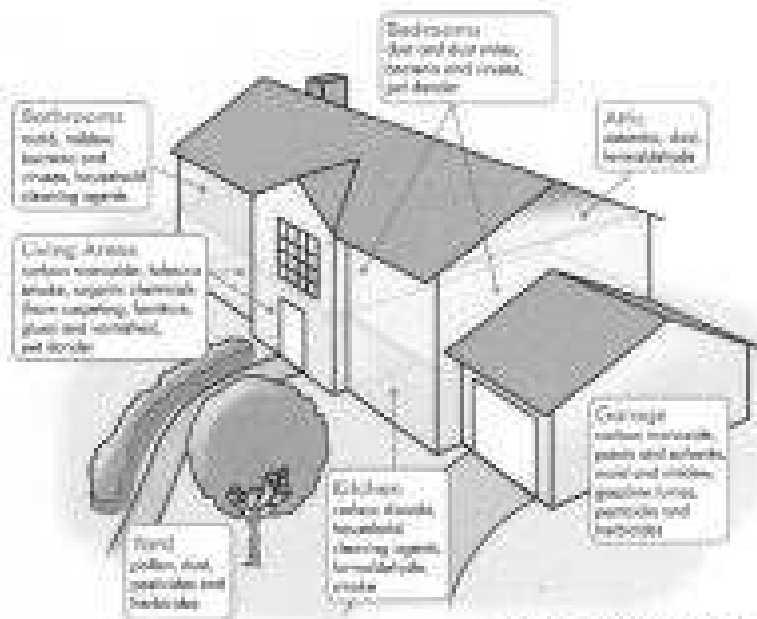
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2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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. We have an assortment of informational signage, which is kept current and relevant. The Social Committee plans events all year for residents' enjoyment, and the Cellular On Patrol program keeps plugging along in attempt to keep the neighborhood safe and crime-free.

2010 MAINTENANCE FEE INFORMATION

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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