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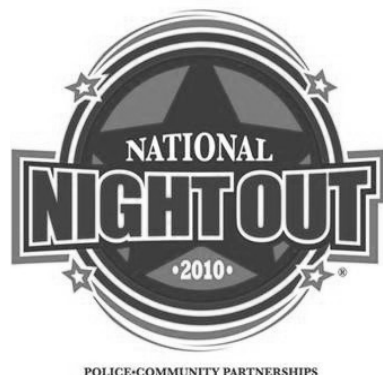
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**TUESDAY
OCTOBER
5TH**



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MEETING
Monday,
October 11
7:00 PM
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p resident's Notes

By Rich Taylor

It was a pleasure to honor the winners of the two sessions of Exemplary Homes Awards at the dinner on September 18. Thanks and congratulations again to those residents who demonstrated extra care and effort to make their homes and yards models for the community. If you missed out this year I encourage you to remember how attractive the homes and yards of the winners were and do what you can to be designated an Exemplary Home next year.

"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get acquainted with your neighbors. It would be great if someone on each block in El Dorado would invite their neighbors to join with them to get acquainted and talk about ways they can make our community even better.

VALENCIA HABITAT DAY: The Valencia Homes Association has invited residents of El Dorado to participate in "Valencia Habitat Day" on October 9, 2010. Habitat will have trailers at the Valencia Clubhouse Parking Lot with personnel to help unload salable items and load the items on Habitat vehicles. Anyone wishing to donate usable items is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

All are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association on October 11 at the clubhouse. Elections will be held to fill several positions. Please plan to attend and participate.

Yours for a better El Dorado,
Rich Taylor

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~Contributed by Carol C.

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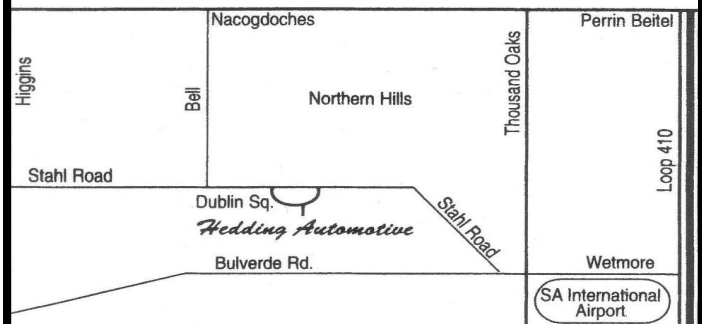
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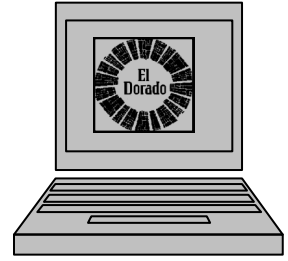
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Reducing Pain and Swelling

During the fall months, people get back to gardening and working around the house. With that, pain and swelling may result in the elbow, wrists and hand. There are many ways to treat hand and wrist problems but one of the ways is with rest, ice and elevation. Your doctor may also prescribe pain or anti-inflammatory medications. Be sure and take these as directed.

REST

Resting an injured area gives it time to heal. In many cases, you will be asked to wear a splint or brace. This helps keep the hand and wrist stable. Consult your physician about the correct type of splint to wear.

ICE

Icing is a great way to reduce pain and swelling. Apply an ice pack or a bag of frozen peas for 10 to 15 minutes a day. Keep a thin towel between the ice and your skin. Never place ice directly on your skin. If you have trouble with sensation or have a loss of feeling double the towel layer and watch skin closely.

ELEVATION

Keeping your hand elevated helps control swelling and throbbing. For best results, rest the injured area above heart level. If needed use pillows for support.

Remember if your condition is serious or continues to persist consult your physician as soon as possible. The above guidelines are not a substitute for visiting your physician.

Contributed by Cindy Garrett

EXPRESS ICE CREAM

prep time 1 minute makes 1 cup

1/4 cup half and half

1 cup frozen raspberries or blueberries

Place berries in a medium bowl. Pour cream over the top. Gently stir. Eat!

Submitted by Cindy Garrett

Mark Your Calendars
El Dorado Elementary would like to invite the community to the annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2010, at 9:30am. Watch for more details in the November Sunburst.

WHITE CHILI

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 2 1/2 hours

Makes: 8 to 12 servings

1/4 lb dry great northern beans
4 cups chicken stock
2 medium sweet onions, chopped
4 cloves garlic minced
1 t salt
1 T vinegar
1 can (4 oz) chopped green chilies
2 t ground cumin
1 t chili powder
1 1/2 t dried oregano
1/4 t cayenne
1/2 t dried red pepper flakes
2 roasted chicken breasts shredded
Monterey jack cheese
sour cream
green onions sliced

1. Soak beans over night in a large pot of water. Drain and rinse. Place beans in a large pot and add chicken stock, onions, garlic and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until beans are tender. Do not add more liquid; the chili must be thick so it won't run off the "plate."

2. Stir in the vinegar, chilies and remaining spices. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes.

3. Add the shredded chicken and cook for an additional 10 minutes.

4. Serve chili (about 1/2 cup) and garnish with cheese, sour cream and green onions.

CROCKPOT chili: In step 1, substitute a crockpot for the large pot and cook on low for 4-5 hours, until bean are tender. In step 2, cook for 1 hour and step 3 cook for 30 minutes.

Contributed by Cindy Garrett

**Unfortunately, an updated
Membership list was not
available at the time the
Sunburst was sent to print.
Watch for a complete list
in November.
Our apologies!**

**EDHA Bylaws
Board of Directors/Selection/
Term of Office**

Section 1. Number

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors. Six director shall be a resident in the area he/she represents, one director from each of the six areas designated. Three directors, designated as the President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be "at large". (Amended 10/8/07)

The El Dorado Homes Association, Inc. will be subdivided into six (6) areas of near equal number of homes and of as near homogeneous block units as possible. (Amended 10/8/07)

Section 2. Term of Office

In each even-numbered year, the membership in the even-numbered areas of the subdivision will elect one director for each area to serve two (2) years. In the odd-numbered years, the membership in the odd-numbered areas of the subdivision will elect one director for each area to serve two (2) years. The Secretary and Treasurer will be voted on by the membership at large during the annual meeting in October for a term of two (2) years. If at anytime the positions become vacant for any reason, the current Board of Directors will find a new resident to fill the vacant position. A majority vote by the Board will be required to accept the selection. (Amended 10/8/07)

The President will be elected to serve one (1) year and will be elected as President-Elect from among the Board of Directors by that Board at their first general meeting in June. (Change made 5 Oct 92) If the President-Elect chosen is a director of an area whose term is not to immediately expire, the nominating committee will include a person from that area to nominate a member to be elected to complete the unexpired term.

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Should you need our services, please contact my Office at 210-335-4750 and ask for myself of Captain Rudy Garza with your requests,

Sincerely,

Mark S. Vojvodich
Constable, Pct 3 Bexar County Police
8918 Tesoro Drive Suite 301
San Antonio, TX 78217
Phone 210.335.4750 Fax 210.335.4789
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For questions or comments on the level or quality of service you received by the Constable's Office PCT 3 / Bexar County Police, please contact the Chief Deputy, David A. Cleveland at 210.335.4750 or by email at dacleveland@bexar.org

We are a public service organization and your views, critiques or comments are valued.

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." ~Thomas Jefferson

NEWS FROM VALENCIA

Valencia is having a Habitat Day on Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are collecting usable items for the three Habitat Stores in San Antonio. Habitat for Humanity will accept building materials and used furniture that is in good condition. Gently used clothes and toys will also be accepted. Habitat for Humanity will have a truck in the Valencia Clubhouse parking lot to collect any usable items that you wish to donate.

The El Dorado Homes Association is invited to participate in the Habitat Day, too. This is an opportunity to do fall house cleaning and benefit the community at the same time.

The website for San Antonio Habitat for Humanity is www.habitatsa.org.

School is in Session

Don't forget to slow down in school zones - and put that cell phone down! Remember, using your cell phone in a school zone, speeding or passing a stopped school bus can cost you a lot:

- **\$642** fine for passing a school bus
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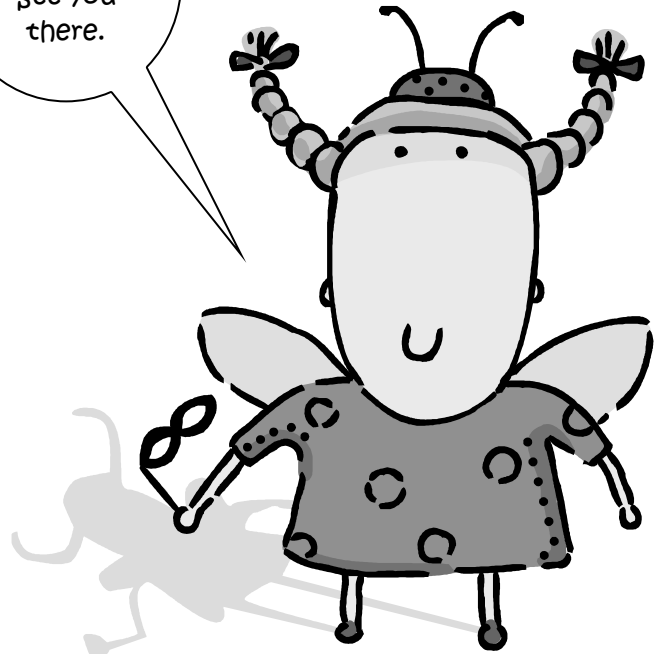
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SHOUD YOU REFINANCE YOUR HOME MORTGAGE? (Part 2)

There are several questions to consider when considering a mortgage refinance. Here are a few:

Will refinancing your mortgage save you money in the long run? To find out if you will save money, divide your mortgage refinance fees by the monthly savings. The answer tells you how many months it will take for you to break even. If you plan to stay in your home beyond the break-even point, then refinancing your mortgage might make sense for you.

Does your current loan have a prepayment penalty? If it does, add that penalty amount to your closing costs to determine your new break-even point.

Are you concerned about your employment status? If you're worried that you may lose your job in the near future, it might make sense to refinance your home loan now to a lower payment while you can still secure a new loan.

Is your home's current value worth more than your current loan amount? You can see what comparable homes in your area sold for by checking

with your county's assessor's office or do a quick search on the web on sites as [Zillow](#) or [Yahoo!s Real Estate](#) site. For a more accurate estimate, you'll need to hire an appraiser, but doing some background research on your own should provide you with a good estimate.

Do You Qualify for an FHA Loan or Refinance? The FHA is a part of HUD (U.S. Dep of Housing and Urban Development) and because FHA loans are insured by the government, they make it easier for a lender to offer you a better deal.

The general rule of thumb is that it's a good idea to refinance if the new rate is one percentage point lower than your existing loan rate. Review [current mortgage interest rates](#) and talk with your financial advisor, banker or mortgage broker to determine if a mortgage refinance is right for you.

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EL DORADO ELEMENTARY NEWS
A Message from Principal Peery

Revised school times

We are off to a successful school year! Currently, we are a Texas RECOGNIZED school. Thank you to all of you who have supported us and have had to make adjustments either for the new start and end times (7:40am – 2:40pm) or for construction. Our tardy bell rings at 7:40am and instruction begins and we would LOVE to begin having days with less than 10 children counted tardy.

Grandparents

Thank you to all grandparents who attended our Grandparent's Lunch. Over the two days we had 183 sets of grandparents. Grandparents and/or community members, we need your help to begin our Homework Club. Because of the change in school hours, our paraprofessionals leave early and they have typically supported our Homework Club. If you could donate even one hour a week from 2:45 to 3:45pm that would be a BIG help. Contact Susan Peery at 650-1450.

Construction

Our new building has opened and it is beautiful. The landscaping is nearly complete and looks fabulous. We invite you to come, visit and tour the new building on Tuesday evening, October 5 at 5:30pm. Our PTA meeting and Open House begins at 6:00pm. By the time you are reading this, the portables should be removed from our campus, which was an interesting ordeal. In the back, construction is underway to create an outdoor amphitheater and courtyard.

Thank you again for your support. We want El Dorado to be the best that it can be.



Hats Off To...

Renee Richno

For all her hard work as Code Compliance Committee Chair, and for helping so many of her neighbors with their yard work! Kudos, Renee!

CAST IRON

An elderly woman was asked about her cast iron skillet. She stated that it belonged to her great -grandmother and dates back to the 1920's. When asked what she uses it for she replied: Searing, braising, baking and as self-defense. That sucker is HEAVY and can knock a kitchen intruder out cold.

A 70 year old woman fought off four invaders with her favorite cast-iron pan. One of them looked at her and said, "Lady, hy did you do that?" Her reply? "I hit him again!"

A Seattle Times reporter got this reply from a store clerk while shopping for his first cast-iron pan: "My mom bought me on for my wedding 15 years ago. A cast iron skillet and a rolling pin - two keys to a happy marriage!" It'll keep a guy in line.

Another woman reports that her nana slept with a cast iron pan and salt next to her bed. She said she would blind the intruder with salt and then hit him over the head with the frying pan.

Contributed by Cindy Garrett



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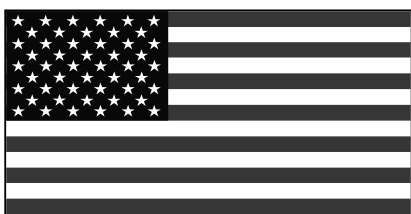
16 Billion



**The approximate number
of quarts of popcorn that
Americans scarf down each
year. October is National
Popcorn Poppin' Month!**

We will, once again, list as many of our El Dorado veterans as we can in the November Sunburst. If you are, or a member of your household is a veteran, please call 655-9594 or email EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com to make sure your name appears on the list. Please include Name, Branch, Rank and Length of Service.

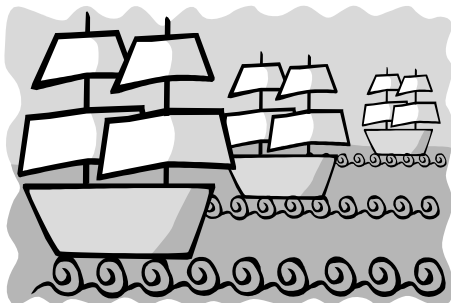
THANK YOU
to all veterans for your service.



Water Aerobics Gang
Look at those lucky guys!

Columbus Day Trivia

Probably the biggest myth of all is that Columbus set out to prove the Earth wasn't flat. Actually it was a well accepted fact in the later 15th Century that the Earth was a sphere, the only unknown was just how big a sphere it was. Columbus believed that it was a small sphere that if sailed west he would reach the Indies in the shortest time (his calculations underestimated the size by one-fourth). It was actually the Portuguese who won the race to the Indies by having sailed east around Africa in 1499.





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Oct. 3rd (Sunday)

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A two film series on the historic battles for Mexican Independence.
The films are subtitled in English.

Oct. 4th (Monday)

6:30 -7:30p Monday Evening Book Club.
Discussion of the book: The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Tuesdays (Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th)

2:00-3:30p 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
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Wednesdays (Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th)

4:00p Teens at Thousand Oaks

Wii, Guitar Hero, RockBand, crafts, board games,
movies, books and more.... grades 6 and up

Thursdays (Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th)

4:00-5:30p Chess and other board games.

All chess players, skilled and unskilled, are welcome.

Thursdays (Thursdays Story time)

10:00a Toddlers actively participate in stories, music and movement
enhancing their social, emotional and language development.
Recommended for children 18 to 36 months.

11:00a Preschoolers enjoy stories and songs that develop early
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Recommended for three to five year olds.

Saturdays (Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th)

2:00p BeTween Time

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Sundays (10th, 17th, 24th & 31st)

2:00p Sunday Matinee Movie

Come and enjoy a free movie. Call library for listings.

Oct. 30 (Saturday)

3:00p "If You Give a Moose a Muffin"

Whataburger presents Magik Theatre's production of
"If You Give a Moose a Muffin."

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

EXCERPTS FROM YOUR DEED/ COVENANT RESTRICTIONS:

No noxious or offensive trade or profession shall be carried on in any structure or upon any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become any annoyance to the neighborhood.

No building material of any kind shall be placed or stored upon any lot until the owner thereof is ready to commence improvements and then the material shall be placed within the property line of the lot upon which the improvements are to be erected and shall not be placed on the street or between the curb and property line.

No dwelling constructed elsewhere shall be moved onto any lot.

**LESS THAN 33% OF OUR
NEIGHBORS PAY 100% OF
THE COSTS OF UPKEEP AND
IMPROVEMENTS TO EL
DORADO.**

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FAIR
SHARE?

Maverick Football

10/1	Johnson	7:30
10/9	Roosevelt	7:00
10/15	Churchill	7:30
10/22	Reagan	7:30
10/30	Lee	7:00

Q: Where does Count Dracula usually
eat his lunch?

A: At the casketeria

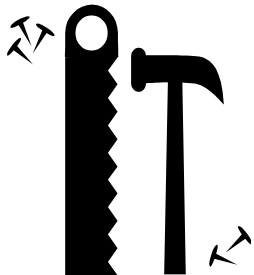
Q: Why did Dracula take cold medicine?

A: To stop his coffin

Q: Why isn't Dracula married?

A: He never met a nice ghoul

El Dorado Babysitter
Brooke, 16
Call for availability
241-8485



Home repairs
Carpentry
Drywall repair

Mr. Fix-It

A MEMBER OF THE EL DORADO COMMUNITY
Specializing in:

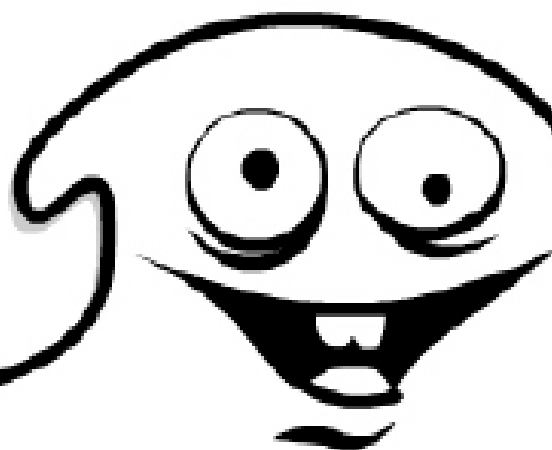
Interior and exterior painting
Decks and Fences
Door replacements

Free Estimates
967-0233
Ask for John



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Try to find all of the hidden words in the ghost puzzle below.

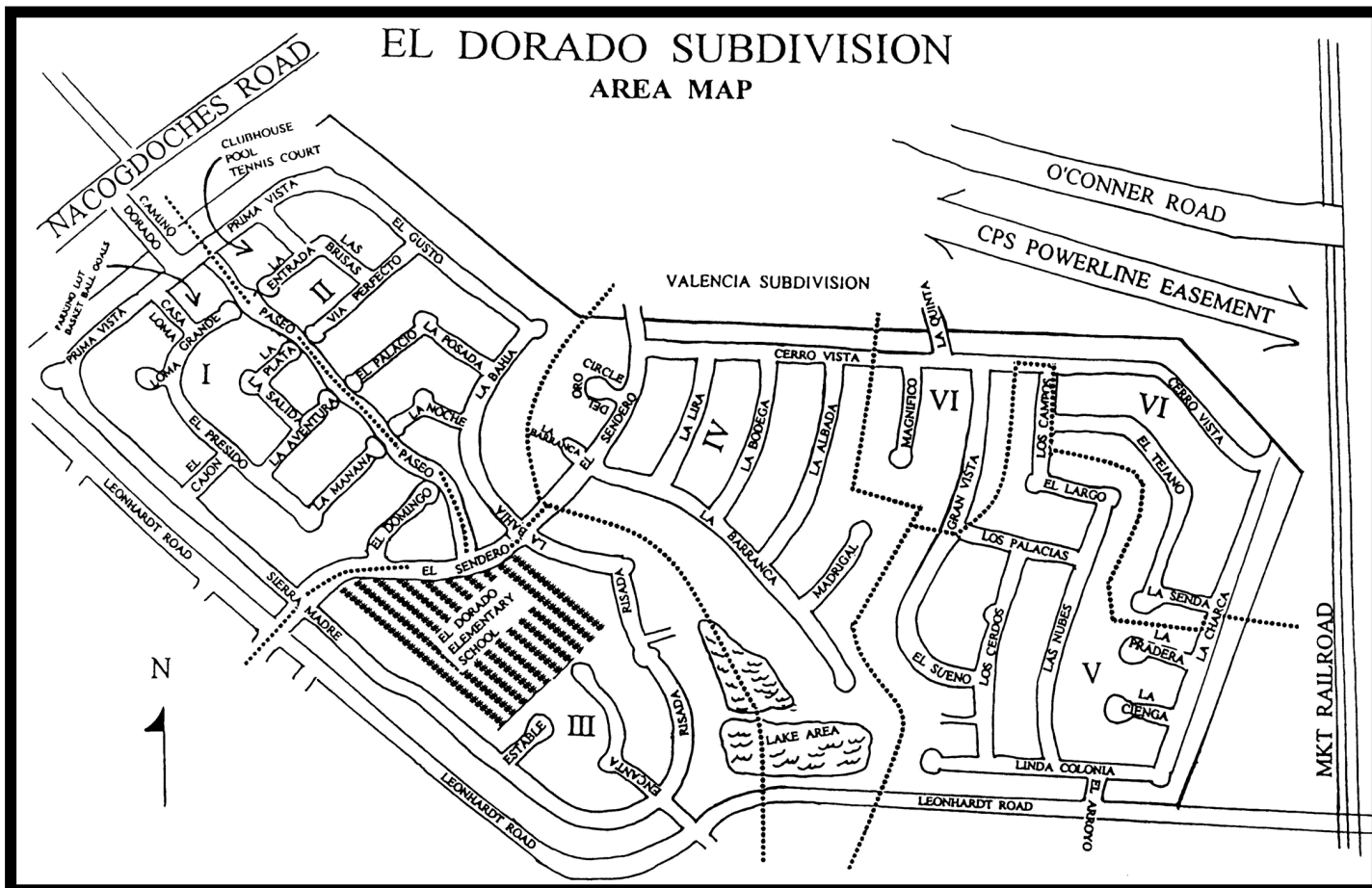


BATS
BLACK CAT
CANDY
COSTUME
GHOST

S	B	T	Z	A	D	Y	E	C	J
D	N	R	A	D	G	M	W	Z	Q
N	X	I	Z	U	U	H	X	F	H
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T	Y	K	S	P	Y	B	L	S	I
E	I	O	X	B	M	L	K	N	T
L	C	R	A	I	O	U	P	I	C
E	L	T	G	W	Y	B	P	D	H
K	S	R	E	P	C	A	N	D	Y
S	S	E	T	M	Z	R	Q	U	I
B	N	A	L	H	D	A	O	F	P
X	J	T	A	C	K	C	A	L	B

HALLOWEEN
PUMPKINS
SKELETON
TRICK OR TREAT
WITCH

EL DORADO SUBDIVISION AREA MAP



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
◆ 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:

El Dorado Homes Association
12606 Prima Vista
San Antonio, TX 78233