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December, 2010

# Sunburst

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*Happy Holidays from  
your Sunburst staff!*



**EDHA  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
MEETING  
Monday,  
December 13th  
7:00 PM  
AT THE  
CLUBHOUSE  
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# **p resident's Notes**

## **By Rich Taylor**

How the year has flown! Writing this in mid-November, it seems a bit early to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but it is my sincere wish that everyone in our community has a blessed and happy Christmas Season.

I invite all families with young children to plan to bring them to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11 at 10 AM at the Clubhouse. Heartfelt thanks goes to Joyce Mere who has graciously volunteered to head this event this year. I encourage anyone who can do so to call Joyce at 210-637-0149 and volunteer to help with this event which means so much to the youngsters.

As in previous years, your Homes Association will recognize the homes with the most attractive Christmas decorations. No advance registration is necessary. All homes in the community will be reviewed on the same night – Sunday evening, December 19 – between 7:00 and 9:30 PM. Plan for your home to be fully “decked out” at that time. Winners will be identified with yard signs and the addresses listed in the January Sunburst. Start planning now to be a winner!

### **URGENT CALL FOR A NEW SUNBURST EDITOR.**

Our current Editor, Jamie Gifford, has done an outstanding job for the past four seasons she has filled this important and demanding role. She intends to step down after production of the June 2011 edition. To allow time for a successor to learn this important job, a potential replacement needs to be identified immediately. Anyone with experience in composition and publishing, and with the desire to fill a key role in the community, is encouraged to contact Jamie right away at 655-9594 with any questions you may have.

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to spruce up your yards in preparation for the recent “Yellow Tag” trash pickup. Your interest in the appearance of the community is greatly appreciated by your neighbors and your Association Board.

Plans are being made for a major cleanup effort of the lake area. Anyone wishing to be a part of that effort is encouraged to call Linda Garriss at 653-0997 or me at 415-3814 to add your name to the list of potential workers.

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Know an El Dorado resident who has gone above and beyond? Nominate them for recognition in our regular column,  
“Hats Off To...”

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

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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](mailto:EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be making an early stop in El Dorado on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 10:00 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!



## YOUR St

Ever wonder how the street names in El Dorado translate to English?

**El Domingo:**

Sunday

**La Entrada:**

Entrance

**Estable:**

Stable

**Del Oro:**

Made of gold

**Los Cerdos:**

The Pigs

~Contributed by Carol C.

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### **El Dorado Babysitter**

**Brooke, 16**

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If you would like a free listing in the Sunburst as a babysitter, call the Sunburst editor at 655-9594 or email your information to: [EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com](mailto:EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com).

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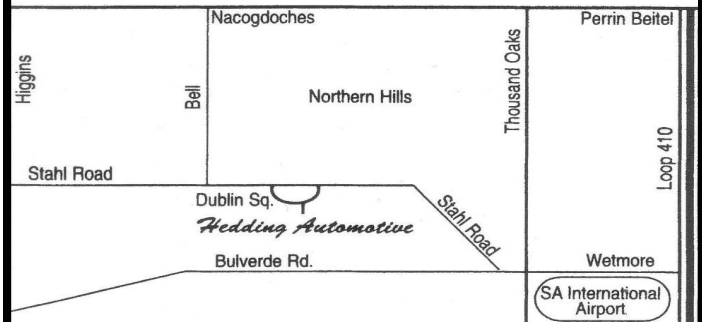
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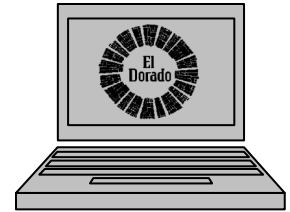
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The number of balls that have dropped in New York's Times Square on New Year's Eve since 1908, when the tradition began. The current one, on duty since 2008, weighs 11,875 pounds, measures 12 feet tall is embellished with 2,668 Waterford crystals, and has 32,256 LEDs to light its way.



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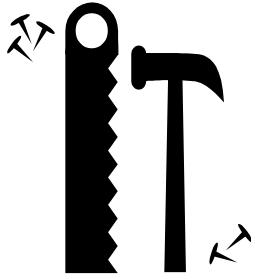
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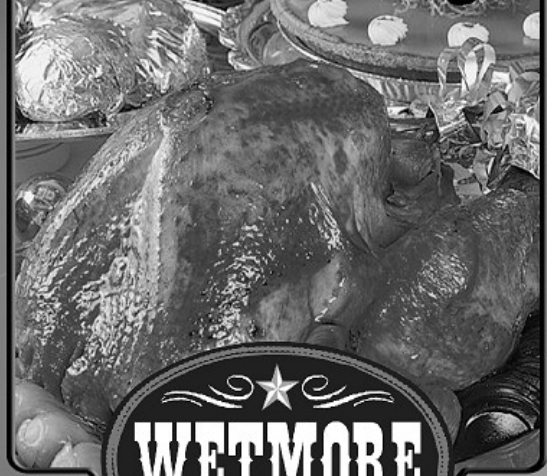
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# Give your Christmas tree a second life!



**Beginning Christmas 2010, the City will no longer collect Christmas trees curbside. Instead, recycle your Christmas tree into nutrient-rich mulch for FREE by bringing it to one of 20 drop-off locations throughout the City!**

**Collect FREE mulch on site!**

**Make it a family TREE-dition!**

**January 8 & 9, 2011 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
January 15 & 16, 2011 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Location	Address
Bitters Brush Recycling Center <sup>*</sup>	1800 Bitters Rd.
Bode Park Center	901 Rigsby
Copernicus Park	5003 Lord Rd.
Dellview Park	507 Basswood
Friesenhan Park	14714 Edgemont
Gilbert Garza Park	1450 Mira Vista
Leon Creek Greenway Park	13101 Babcock
Nani Falcon Park	7625 Mystic Park
Nelson Gardens Landfill	8501 Nelson Rd.
Northeast Service Center	10303 Tool Yard
Northwest Service Center	6802 Culebra Rd.
Oscar Perez Park	8601 Timber Path
Pittman Sullivan Park	1101 Iowa
Rusty Lyons Sports Center	6300 McCullough
Southeast Service Center	7402 S. New Braunfels Ave.
Southside Drop-Off Center	5450 Castroville Rd.
Stone Oak Park	20395 Stone Oak Parkway
Sunset Hills Park	500 Inspiration
West End Park	1401 N. Hamilton
Zarzamora Service Center	4719 S. Zarzamora

<sup>\*</sup>Bitters Brush Recycling Center will accept Christmas trees for free through January.

For more information, visit our website at [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd) or call 3-1-1.



## Protect Your Home's Value From The Foreclosure Next Door



*Vacant homes in your neighborhood can hurt the value of your property; here are four things you can do to help prevent your neighbor's foreclosure from hurting your home.*

Even if your home has been safe from the threat of foreclosure, it's possible that it has still been affected by those who haven't been so lucky. Foreclosures, especially those that are starting to look run down, can drag down the property values of an entire neighborhood. If the curb appeal of your neighborhood is lacking, so is the value of your home.

And having a foreclosed home or two (or more) in your neighborhood isn't just potentially bad for curb appeal. It can also invite crime, which could cause your homeowners insurance to increase.

But there are things you and your neighbors can do to help maintain the value of your home—and your neighborhood.

### **Contact the lender of the foreclosed home**

The foreclosure process can be long and can leave a property in limbo until the lender obtains the title. However, once that happens, it is the lender's responsibility to maintain the property. Make a contact at the bank so you have a go-to person to call whenever there is a problem that needs to be fixed, such as a broken window or overgrown lawn.

If the lender is unresponsive to your requests for repairs, contact the code enforcement division of your city's building department, which may have the power to charge fines and penalties against the lender.

### **Set up a Neighborhood Watch**

Enlist your neighbors to [start a Neighborhood Watch](#) program to keep an eye on foreclosed homes. Pay attention to who is coming in and out of the neighborhood. Report any suspicious activity to the police.

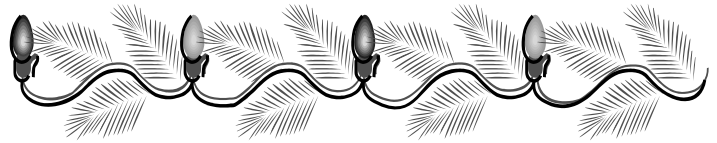
### **Do minor maintenance yourself**

While technically you shouldn't be on someone else's property mowing the lawn or trimming the hedges, you may need to do just that in order to maintain the value of your own property. Enlist the help of your neighbors to take turns with minor landscape maintenance to lighten the burden—after all, the vacant homes in the neighborhood hurt their property value as well!

### **Keep up appearances**

Along with maintaining the foreclosed home's landscaping, there are other things you can do to help ward off criminal activity in a vacant home. Shovel the snow from the sidewalk and driveway, pick up flyers and papers left at the front door, park your car in the driveway—these actions will make the house appear lived-in and will help keep criminal activity at bay.

*Source: U.S. News & World Report, MSN Money, John Farrell Real Estate Company*



## 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 be on December 19th, from 7pm to 9:30pm. Previous year winners have done fantastic jobs.

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

### **1st Place**

\$75 toward 2011 Maintenance Fee

### **2nd Place**

\$50 toward 2011 Maintenance Fee

### **3rd Place**

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# Recycling 101

## **Cart Tip #1**

Pizza boxes are recyclable as long as they contain no food residue or oil. If bottom of the box is dirty, cut and recycle only the top.

## **Cart Tip #2**

To move the cart, make sure the lid is closed. Hold the cart handle and tip the cart back on its wheels before attempting to push or roll.

## **Cart Tip #3**

To clean cart use a garden hose to rinse out. Cleanliness of the cart is the resident's responsibility.

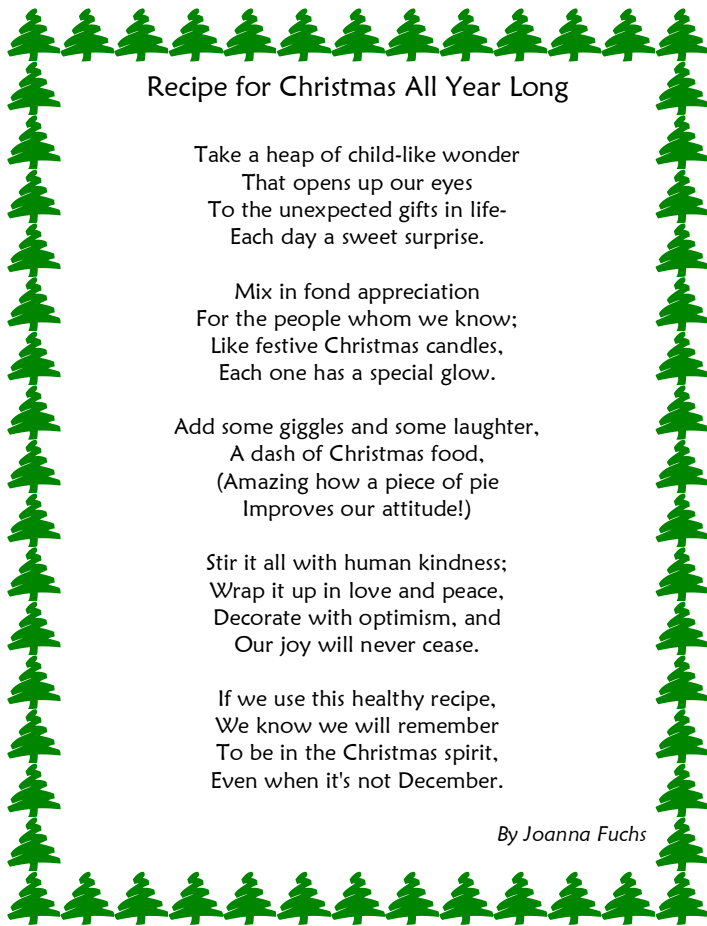
## **DO NOT PUT IN THE RECYCLING CART**

- ◆ Household trash
- ◆ Aluminum foil
- ◆ Appliances
- ◆ Auto glass
- ◆ Clothes
- ◆ Clothes hangers
- ◆ Dead animals
- ◆ Drink boxes and straws
- ◆ Garden hoses
- ◆ Light bulbs
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Paper milk and juice cartons
- ◆ Plastic bags
- ◆ Propane tanks
- ◆ Shredded paper
- ◆ Styrofoam® formed packing or "peanuts"
- ◆ Waxed paper and waxed food containers
- ◆ Grass clippings and bagged leaves. Please note residents receive two special bagged leaves collection for free a year. Call 3-1-1 to request the special collection service.
- ◆ Plastic containers that held hazardous materials such as motor oil, paint, pesticide or weed killer. Throw empty containers in the trash.
- ◆ Dispose of leftover household chemicals for free at the permanent household hazardous waste facility located at 7030 Culebra Road or the seasonal facility located at 1800 Bitters Road.

Art Garza, a resident of El Dorado since the very early '70's, told the EDHA meeting in October about a gem of a facility for Senior Citizens (60 and over) just off Perrin-Beitel Road. There are so many things to hear about and see that it may take more than one visit to absorb it all: free mid-day meals if signed up in advance; exercise machines; Zumba classes, English/Spanish classes; MetroHealth care (nurse and staff on the grounds), free flu and pneumonia shots, blood pressure checks, diabetes assistance; nutrition classes; many computers to use as well as classes in using some of the basic programs such as **Word**; Social Services Case Management (includes a myriad of services); and, other activities too numerous to mention. Most classes are free but a couple cost a mere five dollars. There are monthly calendars available for all activities and lunch menus. This marvelous resource for Senior Citizens is funded by the City of San Antonio. The staff and volunteers are very well-informed and friendly. The literature given out is very helpful.

The Senior Citizen facility is open five days a week from 7:45 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The address is **4355 Center Gate, San Antonio, TX 78217**. Drive down Perrin-Beitel towards the loop and turn left at Center Gate. The phone number is **(210) 207-4590**. Transportation is available for anyone who needs in if within a five mile radius of the facility.

Submitted by Yvonne Johnson



### Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder  
That opens up our eyes  
To the unexpected gifts in life-  
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation  
For the people whom we know;  
Like festive Christmas candles,  
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,  
A dash of Christmas food,  
(Amazing how a piece of pie  
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;  
Wrap it up in love and peace,  
Decorate with optimism, and  
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,  
We know we will remember  
To be in the Christmas spirit,  
Even when it's not December.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## EXCERPTS FROM YOUR DEED/ COVENANT RESTRICTIONS:

No building shall be located on any lot nearer to the front line or nearer to the side street line than the minimum building setback lines shown on the recorded plat. (In any event, no building shall be located on any lot nearer than 20 feet to the front lot line or nearer than 10 feet to any side street line.) No building shall be located nearer than 5 feet to an interior lot line and the sum of the nearer than 15 feet to the rear lot line, or at a greater distance if so required by the duly recorded plat of this subdivision. For the purpose of this covenant, eaves, steps, brink masonry lugs or returns and fireplace footings, and open porches shall not be considered as part of a building, provided, however that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building on a lot to encroach upon another lot.

### Property Owner Sidewalk Maintenance Responsibility

Many Citizens assume that the City has the obligation to maintain all community sidewalks to keep them free from hazard and obstruction! However, City Ordinances require sidewalks to be maintained by property owners as an extension of their front yards.

#### This includes:

- ♦ Minimum sidewalk clear-width of 36" free "from any defects or hazards" or obstructions such as mailboxes, basketball hoops, parked cars, trash cans, shrubbery or fences. **(Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Chapter 29, Article 1, Sec. 29-11)**
- ♦ Minimum clear-height of 80", "keep all trees and shrubs on the premises well trimmed so they will not overhang the sidewalks or streets in such a manner as to interfere with free passage." **(Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Chapter 29, Article 1, Sec. 29-10)**
- ♦ Maintain a smooth sidewalk rolling surface free "from any defects or hazards" such as large cracks, broken or uplifted sidewalk segments. **(Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Chapter 29, Article 1, Sec. 29-11)**
- ♦ Citation and Fine of up to \$500.00 **(Ordinance #96242)**





**Thousand Oaks Branch Library**  
**December 2010**  
**4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.**  
**657-5205**

**Hours of Operation**  
**Mon. & Wed. 12-8p**  
**Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p**

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

**10:00a-3:00p *Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library Book Sale.***  
Come find great deals on books, cd's, DVD's and more books!!!

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

**6:30 -7:30p *Monday Evening Book Club.***  
Discussion of various short stories by O. Henry.

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

**12:00-2:00p *San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition***  
Come learn why TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) is the only method that works effectively. The workshop will provide tips and instructions on how to safely and humanely reduce the free roaming cat population in your community.

**Tuesdays (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**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 or assist you with online applications.

Tip: Bring your work history.

**Wednesdays (Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**4:00p-5:00p *Teens at Thousand Oaks***

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

**5:00p-6:30p *Book-A-Holics Phenomenous Club***

Teen Advisory Group meetings, crafts, snacks and more...FUN!!!!

**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 literacy skills and foster curiosity.

Recommended for three to five year olds.

**Saturdays (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**2:00p *BeTween Time***

Bring your friends and hang out for some interactive fun at the library.

No desks. No teachers. Just fun!

Exclusively for nine to twelve year olds.

**Sundays (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**2:00p *Sunday Matinee Movie***

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

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

## Checkers' Diner's Pumpkin Cheesecake

### Crust

1/1/4 sticks (10 Tablespoons) unsalted butter  
1 (13.5 oz) package graham cracker crumbs  
pinch of cinnamon

### Filling

3 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, at room temperature  
5 medium eggs (about 1 1/4 cups)  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
12 oz Libby's Easy Pumpkin Pie Mix, divided  
(Reserve 3 oz for Topping)  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

### Topping

8 oz sour cream  
1/2 cup sugar  
Pinch of cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
3 ounces reserved pumpkin pie mix

### DIRECTIONS

For crust: In a saucepan, melt butter, add crumbs and cinnamon and mix well. Spread the mix and press it firmly onto the bottom and 3/4 up the sides of a 10 inch spring form pan. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for a few hours.

For Filling: Heat a convection oven to 250 degrees. If not available, heat a standard oven to 275 degrees.

Combine cream cheese, eggs, sugar, 9 oz of pumpkin pie mix and vanilla together in the bowl of an electric mixer. Beat until very smooth and well blended, with no lumps remaining. Pour into the prepared crust and bake for approximately 50 min in a convection oven or 1 1/2 hours in a standard oven, or until the center has set. Remove from oven and let cool on the counter for 2 hours.

For Topping: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix sour cream, sugar, cinnamon, vanilla and the reserved 3 oz of pumpkin pie mix until smooth. Pour onto the cooled cheesecake and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. Refrigerate overnight.

Makes 16 servings, each 500 calories (50.2% calories from fat, 29 g fat, 135 mg cholesterol, 530 mg sodium, 57 g carbohydrates, 1 g dietary fiber, 7 g protein.

Submitted by Reinette Alecozay

## A FAIR EXCHANGE?

Ever heard the story about the shoemaker and the restaurant manager?

There once was a poor shoemaker whose shop was next to a fine restaurant. Every day the shoemaker would take his simple lunch out to the back of his shop, where he took great pleasure in the mouth-watering aromas floating out of the restaurant kitchen next door.

One day the shoemaker received an invoice from the restaurant for his lunches, and he went to speak to the manager about it. The manager said, "You are enjoying my food while you eat, so you should pay for it!"

The shoemaker refused to pay and the restaurant sued him. The judge asked the restaurant manager for his side of the story at the hearing.

The manager said, "Every day, this shoemaker sits near our kitchen and smells our food while he eats his lunch. We are adding value to his meal, and we should be paid for it."

The judge then asked the shoemaker for his side of the story.

The shoemaker said nothing, but stuck his hand in his pocket and rattled around the change he had inside.

"What is the meaning of that?" asked the judge. The shoemaker answered, "I'm paying for the smell of his food with the sound of my money."

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**Saturday, December 4th**

**That is the day for a much needed clean-up at the lake. We need all the help we can get. That includes muscles and chain saws. If you can help before the day of, the day of, or the week after please call:**

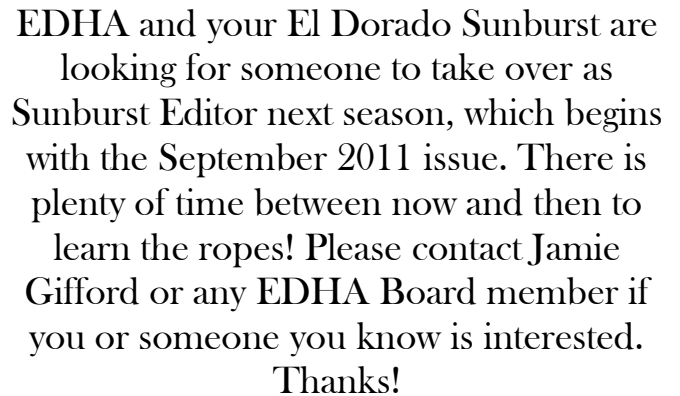
**Linda Garris 653-0997**  
**Rich Taylor 415-3814**

**On December 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m to 1 p.m., Dial-A-Trailer will be in the Linda Colonia cul-de-sac. Use this opportunity to dispose of items that you missed during the last large item pickup. The items accepted are the same as those during a normal brush/large item pickup.**

**Thank you in advance**

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~ Charles Dickens



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## **Crime Prevention Tips from SAPD**

### **When you're at home:**

- ◆ Replace or rekey all locks when you move into a new home.
- ◆ Install 1" case hardened steel deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- ◆ Keep windows and doors locked at all times.
- ◆ Have curtains or blinds on all windows, and keep them drawn.
- ◆ Install a 190-degree door viewer or door scope in your front door. Look before opening your door to anyone.
- ◆ Require identification from all repair persons or public service individuals without opening the door.
- ◆ Hang up on frightening or obscene calls. Invest in an answering machine and screen your calls.
- ◆ On your answering machine message, never say you're not at home. Just say you're not by the phone.
- ◆ If a prowler enters your home, GET OUT! Go to a neighbor and call the police.
- ◆ If you come home and you think someone is in your homes, DO NOT ENTER! Go to a neighbor and call the police.
- ◆ Contact the SAPD Crime Prevention Specialist at your substation and schedule a free home security survey. (Details below)

### **When you're walking:**

- ◆ Always be aware of your surroundings, and the people who are around you.
- ◆ Avoid walking alone; either walk with someone, or walk in areas where others are near.
- ◆ Stay in well lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and doorways.
- ◆ Avoid shortcuts through alleys, parks, vacant lots, or other deserted places.
- ◆ Walk in the middle of the sidewalk facing traffic.
- ◆ NEVER HITCHHIKE OR ACCEPT RIDES FROM STRANGERS!
- ◆ If the driver of a car stops and harasses you, walk in the opposite direction.
- ◆ If you are walking to your car in a parking lot, and anything makes you feel uncomfortable, TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS, go back in the store. Get someone to walk with you to your car.
- ◆ When you approach your car, check the back seat and under the car.
- ◆ Have your keys in your hand. Enter the car, lock the doors, and drive away.
- ◆ DO NOT SIT IN THE CAR IN THE PARKING LOT AND CHECK YOUR PACKAGES!
- ◆ ALSO: If you have a cell phone, carry it with you when walking or driving and be prepared to use it to call for help. Know the numbers to call and be prepared to give your exact location to the emergency operator.

Call SAFFE Officer Mark Morales (844-0921) to see about a home security survey, or [www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/crimeprevention](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/crimeprevention).

## **Parking Pay Stations**



Parking in downtown San Antonio just got easier! The City has begun installing new technology that will replace several traditional parking meters. The 134 new, solar-powered parking pay stations service multiple parking spaces and reduce clutter on streets and sidewalks. In addition, parking pay stations accept both coins and debit/credit cards and provide customers with a receipt for every transaction.

### **Why a parking pay station?**

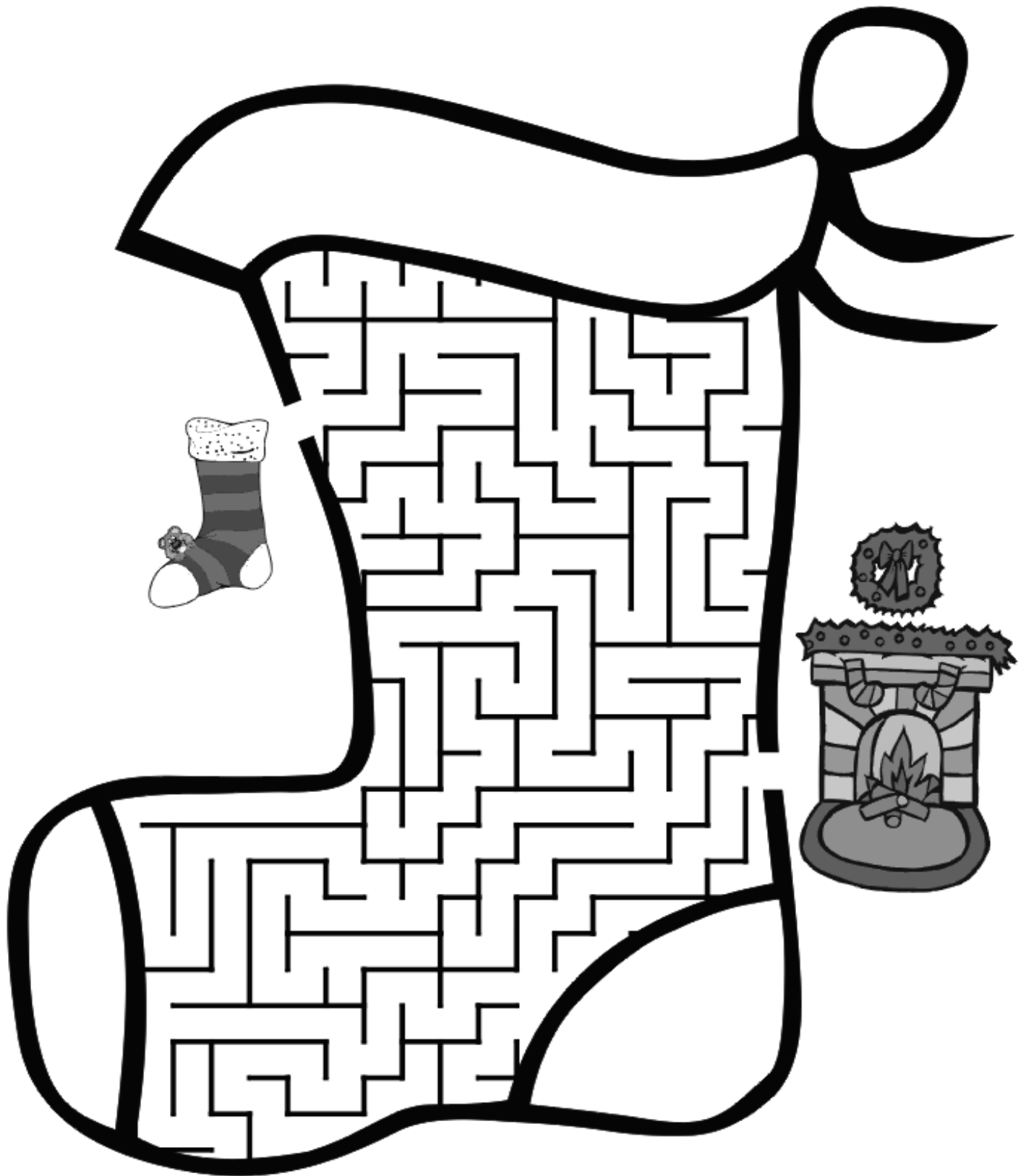
- ◆ Accepts coins, credit and debit cards
- ◆ Automated kiosk replaces multiple parking meters
- ◆ Permits use of remaining parking time at another location
- ◆ Provides customer receipts
- ◆ Communicates in English and Spanish

The new pay stations are currently being installed. To find out when new pay stations will be available near you, and how to use go to [www.sanantonio.gov/dtops](http://www.sanantonio.gov/dtops).

Each meter is solar powered-an environmentally friendly choice! Just peel and stick to the inside windshield next to the curb and you are able to use any remaining time at another location.

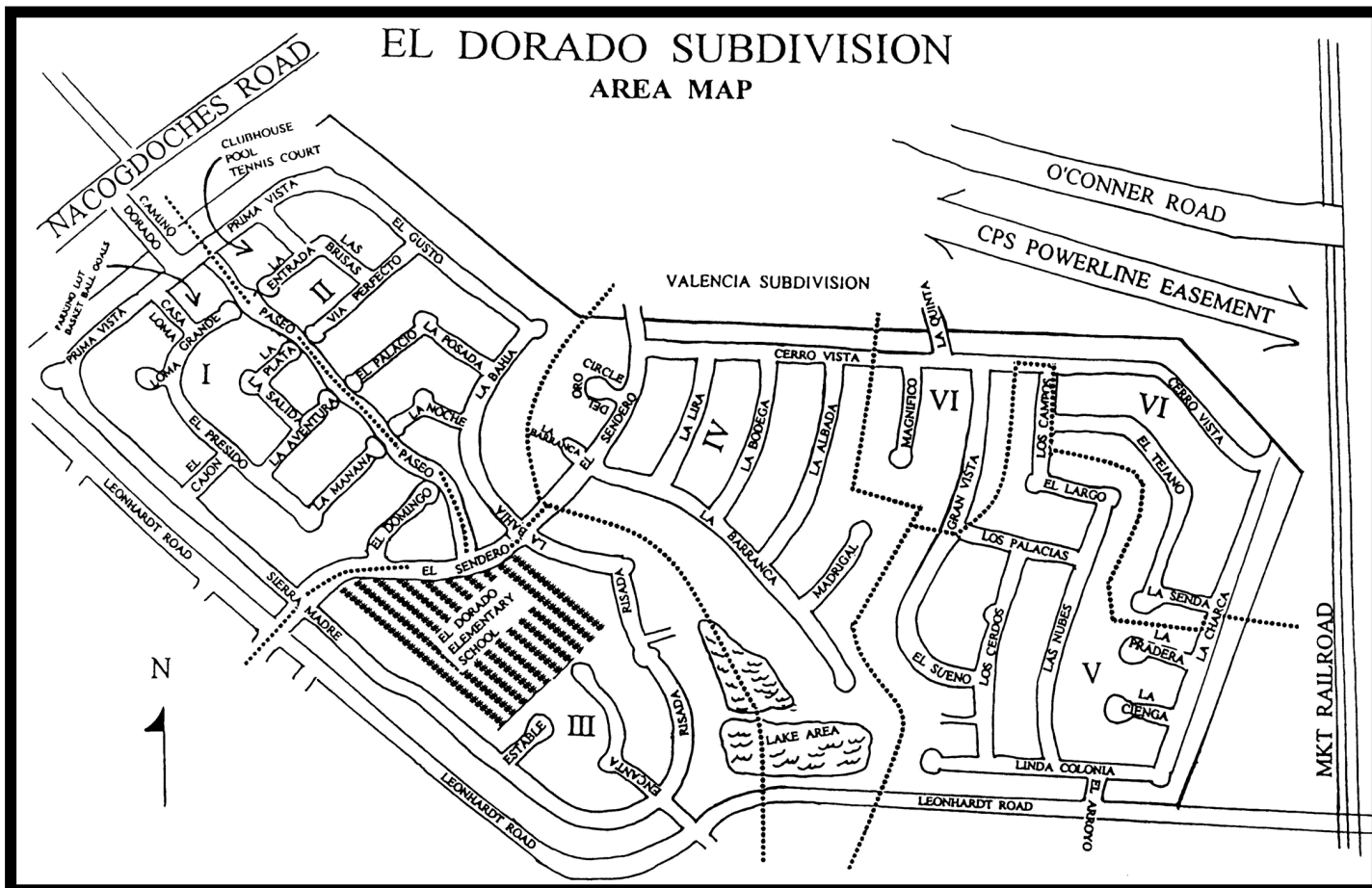


# KIDS' KORNER





# 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:

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