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February, 2011

# Sunburst

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# **p resident's Notes**

## **By Rich Taylor**

What happened on February 10, 1971? That was the date the El Dorado Homes Association was established. Your Board of Directors wants to recognize each family that has lived here continually since February 1971, or in a home completed after that date. We want to publish the names in the March Sunburst, so please let us know before February 15 if you are one of those special families. Send your notification to EDHA at 12606 Prima Vista, San Antonio, TX, 78233, with your names, address and the date you moved into your home.

Have you mailed your El Dorado Maintenance Fee for 2011? Please use the form on the back of this issue and mail your 2011 fee right away.

Residents have been inconvenienced many times by the high water on Weidner Road. I am pleased to announce that the Weidner Road Bridge will be expanded and the level of the road surface raised with a project to begin in late January or early February. Since the work will be extensive, it will necessitate closing of Weidner Road and the intersection at Leonhardt Road for the duration of the work which is projected to be about 75 days. Plan alternate routes during that period.

Although we accomplished a lot on the workday at the lake in December, much remains to be done. Please call me at 415-3814 if you would be willing to help next time.

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"Hats Off To..."

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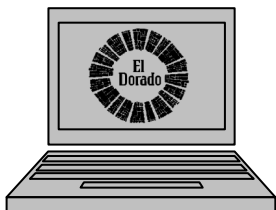
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## YOUR St

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~Contributed by Carol C.

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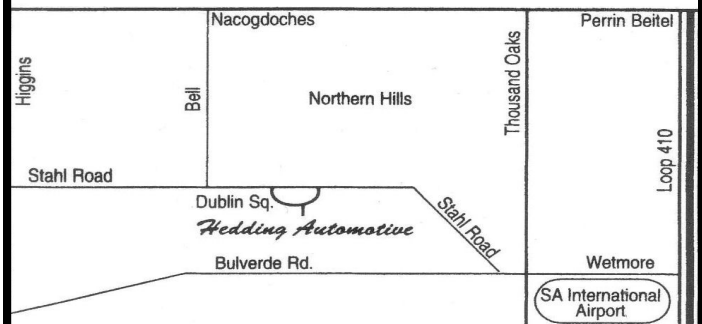
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## Hats Off To...

### Nancy Fitzgerald

When new construction at El Dorado Elementary School resulted in flooding to her property, Nancy took photos and videos of the flooding of her back yard and the school yard during a heavy downpour. In addition, she visited with each neighbor in her block and learned that drainage from the school had eroded some of her neighbors' yards and that some neighbors had flood waters coming into their homes. With their permission, she compiled a list of neighbors' names, addresses and phone numbers who had drainage problems originating from the school yard and presented it along with her photos and videos to Councilman Clamp's field office. She also printed photos and met with Rich Taylor, President of El Dorado Homes Association, who followed up with Councilman Clamp. A series of communications led to a meeting of the affected neighbors with NEISD, the engineers, Rich Taylor and Mr. Mario Hune of Councilman Clamp's office. Although a final resolution was not arrived at that day, Mario Hune is working with us to help resolve it. We highly commend Nancy Fitzgerald for her initiative, unselfishness, and persistence in making El Dorado a better place to live, not only for herself, but for her fellow residents as well!



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**Go to John Clamp's section of the City of San Antonio portal to sign up for helpful and informative email newsletters from your Councilman.**

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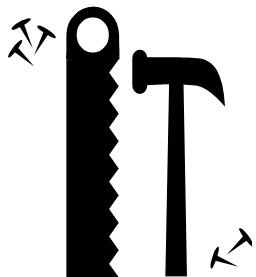
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# No Ordinary Workday

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It began on December 4<sup>th</sup> and ended on December 18<sup>th</sup> when the "Dial-A-Trailer" arrived to pick up the trash and debris that had been removed from the lake area.

Mother Nature was kind to us, offering dry days and great temperatures for manual labor. The timing was not the best because of busy holiday preparations, but the lake had been neglected way too long.

After a few phone calls, a small group of dedicated volunteers came together to tackle the daunting task. They worked for two weeks whenever they could find time to give. I must say that I was disappointed when no one responded to the plea published in the Sunburst and the signs posted in the neighborhood. Not one single person responded to those efforts! Only people contacted personally came to help. However, I was happy to see that a few people read their Sunburst and took advantage of the opportunity to dispose of some large household debris when the trailer came on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you that might not know, the city, in conjunction with "Keep San Antonio Beautiful," provide this service for neighborhoods. Someone must make the effort to schedule the "Dial-A-Trailer" for a large trash pickup. Only by working with the city are we able to remove the large amount of limbs, fallen trees, and trash that has to be removed from the lake area. When this occurs, it is an inconvenience for our neighbors in the Linda Colonia cul-de-sac. A pile of trash is not a pretty sight. I am truly grateful for the tolerance and patience of the families affected during those times.

A lot was accomplished but there is so much more to do. Each person's load becomes lighter when more people volunteer. It is YOUR LAKE! Call NOW to become part of "no ordinary team."

More than "THANK YOU" to those that came to help. It was a super group and my pleasure to be a part of their exceptional efforts!

James Patterson  
Will Johnson (son of Yvonne Johnson)  
James Friesenhahn  
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Lola Olsmith  
Richard Taylor  
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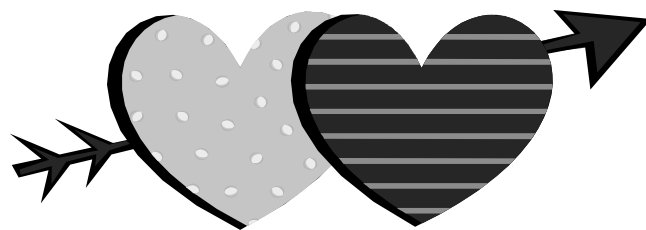
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Here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the holiday:

- ◆ 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](http://groundhog.org)

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**Feb 5**

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**Feb 12**

### **Chocolate Day at San Antonio Botanical Garden**

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## My dog is an angel...WITH HORNS!

My dog is wonderful. He is a companion, a friend, and a protector all rolled into one well-behaved bundle of handsome fur. In addition to his other laudable attributes, my dog is also extremely self controlled and quiet. HAH! That is, as long as he is inside with us. But when we put him outside alone (after all, we have to go to work), my dog immediately turns into an excitable, loud, backyard monster that will bark at anything. By anything I mean ANYTHING. He will bark at other dogs that he hears; he will bark at cats two yards away; he will bark at all my neighbors in their yards; he will bark at butterflies for heavens sake! And he will bark for hours! He will even throw himself against the fence from time to time to punctuate his verbal attacks. He will bark and bark and bark again for no apparent reason. My poor neighbors have to seek refuge inside and turn up their radios to try to drown out the frenzied barking. The barking definitely sets nerves on edge and teeth grinding.

Ok, by now you have probably guessed that I am not writing about my dog, but my neighbor's dog. I can only guess that since my neighbors are nice people, they don't honestly realize the audible headache their dog causes when they are not around to hear.

I don't know what the solution is, but I hope my neighbors read this and find a way to quiet their pet. If they could, they would get our greatest thanks and appreciation.

**DO YOU HAVE A DR JEKYLL AND MR  
HYDE IN YOUR BACKYARD??**

## 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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### February

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3rd Monday

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### March

2nd Monday  
3rd Monday  
3rd Monday

Neighborhood Meeting  
COP Meeting  
District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting



## **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

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EDHA and your El Dorado Sunburst are looking for someone to take over as Sunburst Editor next season, which begins with the September 2011 issue. There is plenty of time between now and then to learn the ropes! Please contact Jamie Gifford or any EDHA Board member if you or someone you know is interested. Thanks!

## EXCERPTS FROM YOUR DEED/COVENANT RESTRICTIONS:

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**February 2011**  
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**Hours of Operation**  
**Mon. & Wed. 12-8p**  
**Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p**

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**  
**6:30 -7:30p Monday Evening Book Club.**  
Discussion of the book  
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

**Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**  
**4:00 -5:15p African-American Heritage Program:**  
***This Little Light of Mine***  
Let your light shine in honor of the life and work of civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer. We'll have songs, stories and a simple craft illuminating the contribution of this African-American woman of courage and conviction.  
Recommended for school-aged children.  
Younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult.

**Wednesdays (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**4:00p-5:00p Teens at Thousand Oaks**  
Wii, Guitar Hero, RockBand, crafts, board games, movies, books and more.... grades 6 and up  
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## Valentine's Day Word Search



cupid

love

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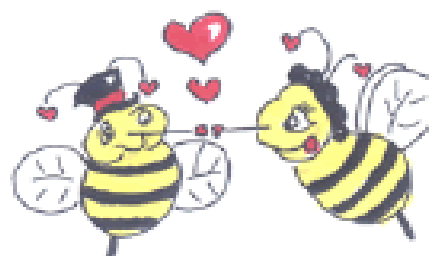
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The map illustrates the Valencia Subdivision, a residential area with numerous streets and landmarks. The streets are labeled with names such as Leonard Road, Sierra Madre, El Sendero, La Bahía, La Lira, La Bodega, La Albada, Magnifico, Gran Vista, Los Cerdos, Las Nubes, La Senda, La Charca, and La Quinta. The subdivision is divided into several sections, labeled I through VI. Key landmarks include El Dorado Elementary School, Lake Area, and the Valencia Subdivision. Surrounding areas include Nacogdoches, O'Conner Road, and the CPS Powerline Easement. The map also shows the location of the Clubhouse, Tennis Court, and Pool.

## **2011 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.

### **2011 MAINTENANCE FEE INFORMATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Other household members at this address:

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

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| ◆ 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.

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