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April, 2011

Sunburst



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Sunday May 29 2-4pm

Saturday June 4 1-3pm

Sunday June 5 2-4pm

Tuesday June 7 6-7:30pm

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Saturday, April 2, 8:30am-1:00pm

Saturday, April 9, 8:30am-1:00pm

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Saturday, April 9, 2011, 8:30am-1:00pm @ Linda Colonia cul-de-sac This is your opportunity to dispose of brush and/or bulky trash items. No hazardous materials will be accepted.

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resident's Notes By Rich Taylor

A Word from the Vice President By Reinette Alecozay

HALLELUJAH! It's SPRING!!!!

It's time for fun in the sun and activities around the pool, yard and garden! More exciting yet, soon it will be time for the Exemplary Homes Contest, so let's all get our curb appeal up! See Eric Meyer's article in this Sunburst for details on the Contest.

I consider it such an honor and a privilege to live in El Dorado. In the 1970's I worked at Seligmann and Pyle Consulting Engineers with Marco Mendez, the draftsman who designed the blueprint for El Dorado. Marco was understandably very proud of his work. After all, a Paseo and a park with a lake make this a rather unique neighborhood. That was vears my mother moved before to neighborhood in 1978. She found a very special place to live, indeed. But more important than the physical beauty of El Dorado is the genuine camaraderie among our neighbors. Since moving here in 2009, I've found our neighborhood a quiet, attractive place to enjoy family and friends, to walk or bicycle, to swim and to enjoy friendships with some of the best neighbors I've ever had in my life. I don't know about you, but I feel very loved in El Dorado! There is a sense of community here I didn't find living in other parts of San Antonio. I see my neighbors pulling together for a common cause to keep our neighborhood safe and attractive. One thing I love about El Dorado is people care about each other and help each other. We watch out for one another

Thanks for being a good neighbor!!!

Have you mailed in your El Dorado Homes Association Dues? Please use the form on the back of this issue and mail your 2011 fee right away to keep our clubhouse, pool, park, the Paseo, and common areas maintained properly. You'll be so glad you did!

YOUR St

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

Casa Loma:

House on the Hill

El Cajon:

The Drawer

El Largo:

Long

El Arroyo:

The Brook

<u>La Lira:</u>

The Poem

~Contributed by Carol C.

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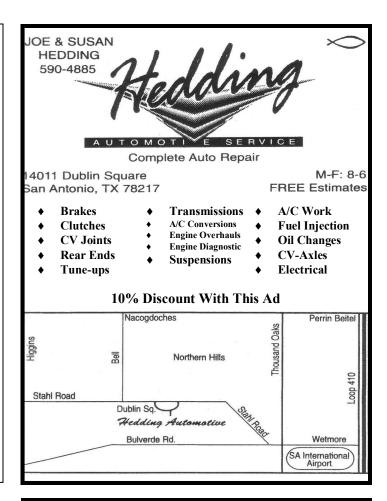
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next season, which begins with the
September 2011 issue. There is
plenty of time between now and
then to learn the ropes! Please
contact Jamie Gifford or any
EDHA Board member if you or
someone you know is interested.
Thanks!

<u>District 10 Councilman</u> <u>John Clamp</u>

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Condolences

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Thoughts to Ponder

While it is perfectly legal to park your car on the curb, provided it is in the same direction as traffic, it probably isn't always so smart.

Perhaps if you are on a curve, or near an intersection, or directly behind a neighbor's driveway, and there are many of all of these in El Dorado, you should avoid parking on the curb for obvious reasons.

l'm just saying...

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Pool Report

It is past that time of year again when pool prep begins. We got a head start last fall when a reinforcement team came up and trimmed trees and pulled limbs to the brush pile for pick -up. Thanks a million to James Friesenhahn, Kelly Adame, Diego Adame, DanVigil and Don Malik for all your enthusiastic help.

And then the holidays, winter and my procrastination got in the way of progress. Much work is still to be done. I don't think the pool committee can get it finished without some help. A few strong back and willing minds are needed to meet our opening date on Memorial Day Weekend. Help me make it "happen."

Call 653-0997!

Be aware that a late fee has been instituted for pool memberships and/ or pool ID's after June 7, 2011, so don't procrastinate! The late fees are \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively.

Linda Garris, Pool Fool

P.S. Watch for full pool schedule in next Sunburst.

"Don't cry because it's over.

5 mile because it happened."

~ Dr. Seuss

It's Never Too Early
To Send In Your
Maintenance Fees!
Information On
Back Cover.

Never Ending

Work at the lake is never ending and we are still playing "catch up." Do you remember the article about the last work daty and all the work done by "No Ordinary Team?" I asked for "your" help, and I am still waiting! The phone number to call is 653-0997,

A <u>few</u> have been working for a couple of weeks now and it shows. We have two major work days scheduled for:

April 2, 8:30am-1:00pm April 9, 8:30am-1:00pm (coincides with Dial-A-Trailer)

Signed, The Lake Instigator

P.S. We desperately need chain saws (with operators attached), and pickup trucks and/or trailers (also with operators attached) for hauling.



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EI	Dorado H	lomes Association Calendar
April	2nd Monday 3rd Monday 4th Saturday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting Easter Egg Hunt
May	1st Week 2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday	Exemplary Homes Judging Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

El Dorado Exemplary Homes Campaign 2011

By Eric Meyer Email: info@aquafreelawns.com

In 2007, the El Dorado Homes Association held the first ever Exemplary Homes Campaign as a way to recognize and thank those residents, both owners and renters, who help make El Dorado a nice place to live through payment of their annual association maintenance fees and by keeping a well maintained home and property.

The guidelines for participation in the event are pretty simple: just pay your annual association maintenance fees and keep up your property's curb appeal by having nice landscaping and high maintenance standards.

The campaign is divided into two phases, where 30 exemplary homes are chosen in May and 30 more are chosen in August. Since many residents don't pay their annual maintenance fees until summer, when the pool opens, May's winners are limited to those residents who paid their maintenance fees in 2010 and August's winners are limited to those who pay their fees for 2011.

To determine which homes are awarded Exemplary Home status, the six neighborhood association area reps will nominate 8 to 10 homes in each of their respective areas. Then an independent panel of judges, who do not live in El Dorado and who do not know last year's winners, will score the nominees. The scores will then be averaged and the 5 homes with the highest scores in each area will be given the title of Exemplary Home.

The winners receive a temporary yard sign announcing their status as an Exemplary Home and also an invitation to the Exemplary Homes Party on September 17, from 6 to 8pm at the neighborhood clubhouse. At the party, food and beverages will be served and all winners will have a shot at winning fabulous door prizes generously donated by the event's sponsors. Since 2007, we've given away nearly \$8,000 in door prizes.

Judging will take place the first week in May and again the first week in August. All residents are encouraged to clean up and increase the curb appeal of their property. Judges will be looking at the overall appearance of the homes and property. In many cases, it's the minor details which determine the winners. Homes with deed, covenant, or code violations are automatically ineligible from participating.

Please see the June issue of the *Sunburst* for the list of homes chosen in May. I look forward to meeting all the winners at the party in September. Good Luck.

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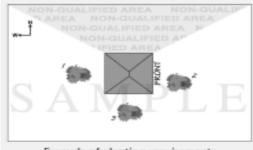




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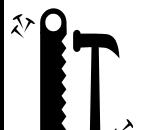


Example of planting requirements

For complete rebate guidelines, application and tree planting instructions go to cpsenergy.com, or visit your nearest CPS Energy Customer Service Center or call 353-2SAV (2728).

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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
April 2011
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657-5205
Hours of Operation
Mon. & Wed. 12-8p
Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p

April 4th (Monday)
6:30 -7:30p Monday Evening Book Club.
Discussion of the book In the Lake of the Woods
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Wednesdays (April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th)
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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Last Day for VITA is April 17th

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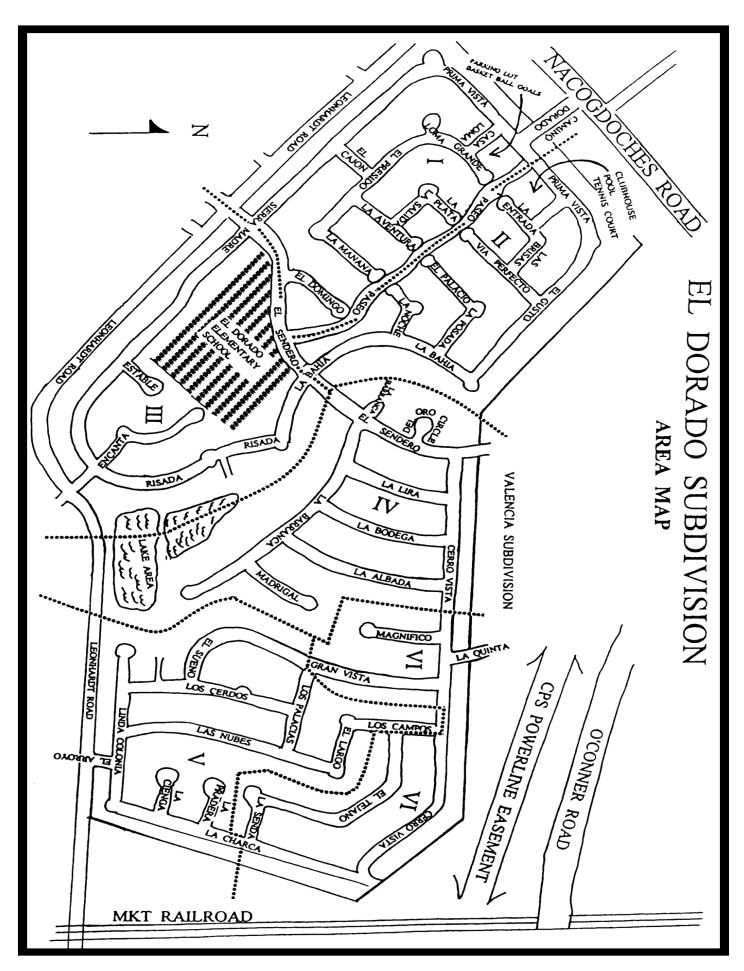
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2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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.

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