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Sunburst

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MODIFIED POOL SCHEDULE INSIDE!

**Watch the neighborhood
signs for information
on a possible
Independence Day Parade
And other upcoming
summer events!**

**EDHA
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING
Monday,
June 11th,
July 9th & August
13
7:00 PM
AT THE
CLUBHOUSE
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Deadline for
September Sunburst:
August 15th

Sunburst Email Address:
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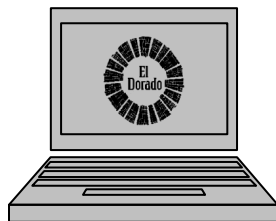
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Facebook!

p resident's Notes **By Rich Taylor**

Welcome to another summer. I hope all the students enjoyed their school year and are now looking forward to a great summer.

Thanks to all of you who have already paid your association dues. Your support of the Association is sincerely appreciated.

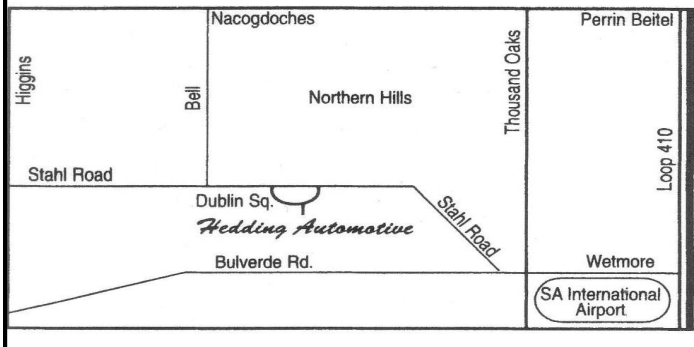
By the time you read this, our great swimming pool will be in full operation for the summer. Your Association is so very fortunate to have the continued outstanding management of Linda Garris and her great crew. When you visit the pool, please express your personal appreciation to Linda and all the folks that so willingly commit their time to make each visit to the pool an enjoyable occasion for every person.

Check the Exemplary Homes listing elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to the selectees for the Spring Cycle. You obviously have given special attention to the appearance of your homes and yards. Your efforts not only reflect favorably upon you but add to the appearance and appeal of the entire community, thus setting a favorable example for your neighbors. These winning homes will be recognized by the placement of an Exemplary Home sign in the yard and the residents will be invited, along with the winners to be selected in the second cycle later this summer, to our combined Exemplary Homes Award Dinner to be held for both groups of winners this fall. Watch for the addresses of those fall winners in the next issue of the Sunburst, which will be published in September. That issue will also announce the date of the Recognition Award Dinner.

Please note the schedules for our neighborhood meetings and join us at every opportunity to learn about our association and to give your input on any matter of interest to you.

Yours for a better El Dorado,

Rich Taylor



**2012 Schedule
El Dorado Pool
Regular Season:
June 1 - August 19**

PRE-SEASON HOURS

**The pool will open for open swim
Memorial Day Weekend:
May 26-28 2:00pm-7:00pm**

Mondays—Closed for Maintenance

Tuesdays

8:30 am-10:00 am	Swim Lessons (June Only)
12:00pm-2:00 pm	Adult Swim
5:00pm-8:00pm	Supervised Swim
8:00pm-10:00pm	Swim Team

Wednesday & Thursday

8:30 am-10:00 am	Swim Lessons (June Only)
12:00pm-2:00pm	Adult Swim
2:00pm-8:00pm	Open Swim
8:00pm-10:00pm	Swim Team

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

8:30 am—10:00 am	Swim Lessons (Friday's in June Only)
12:00pm-2:00pm	Adult Swim
2:00pm-7:00pm	Open Swim

Water Aerobics:

Friday & Saturdays	11:00am-12:00 Noon
Sundays	7:00pm-8:00pm

Adult Swim—Adults only

Open Swim—Lifeguards on duty

**Supervised Swim—No lifeguards on duty.
Children under 16 must have responsible parent/
chaperone supervision 21 years or older.**

**Note: Members must, out of consideration
for others, respect the designated times
allotted for specific activities.**

**Pool Rules are posted at the pool and a copy
is available upon request.**

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October Neighborhood Garage Sale

EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION will once again advertise in the daily paper for a COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE on Saturday, October 6, 2012. This early notice will give the El Dorado residents time to plan and prepare.

Participants are responsible for obtaining a permit and for the putting out and removal of any local signs.

— El Dorado Animal Hospital —

13039 Nacogdoches Road • San Antonio, Texas 78217

Dr. Dennis McIntosh

For Appointments : **656-1444**

For Emergencies:
404-2873 - Sonterra
822-2873 - Broadway

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June 2012
4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.
657-5205
Hours of Operation
Mon. & Wed. 12-8p
Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p

June 4th (Monday)
6:30p Monday Evening Book Club
Discussion of the book *22 Britannia Road* by Amanda Hodgkinson

June 9th (Saturday)
10:00a – 3:00p Friends of the Library Book Sale
Come in and discover some great books, dvds, audio books and other fun items.
There will also be bargains galore! All proceeds support the Thousand Oaks Library.

June 16th (Saturday)
11:30a-2:30p 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.

June 18th (Monday)
5:30p Films @ Thousand Oaks
Spend the evening watching a feature film,
with some free popcorn thrown in for good measure.

June 20th (Wednesday)
4:00-5:00p [eReader U] eReaders 101
Feeling flummoxed by your eReader? Need some expert assistance?
If so, this information session is for you, as SAPL's eBook lending service is highlighted,
covering the steps to install software and download eBooks to your computer, smartphone or device.

June 21st (Thursday)
2:00p Thursday Book Club
Discussion of the book *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

Mondays (June 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th)
1:00p [eReader U] Tutoring
Need help with your eReader, or using the library's digital downloads services?
Bring your device and computer for a one-on-one session with the library's digital experts.
Appointment is preferred. Call for appointment: 657-5205.

Tuesdays (June 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th)
11:00a Discovery Time
Discovery Time: Children develop awareness of science and math concepts through stories and hands-on experiences. Recommended for four to six year olds.

Wednesdays (June 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th)
2:00p – 3:00p Kids Time
Books, crafts and activities recommended for school-age children.
Younger children welcome when accompanied by an adult.
5:00p Teen Time
Games, books, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13 and up.

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

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

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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 Reinette Alecozay at 241-2683 or EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com by the 15th of the month.

El Dorado Exemplary Homes Campaign 2012, Part One

About the Exemplary Homes Campaign

By Eric Meyer

The Exemplary Homes Campaign is a way to recognize and thank those residents 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 2011 and August's winners are limited to those who paid their fees in 2012.

To determine which homes are awarded Exemplary Home status, the six neighborhood association area reps nominated 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, scored the nominees. The scores were then averaged and the 5 homes with the highest scores in each area were 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 Saturday September 15, 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.

Exemplary Homes May 2012

Area I Exemplary Homes
12503 La Manana
12535 Prima Vista
12526 Prima Vista
12507 La Manana
12522 Prima Vista

Area II Exemplary Homes
4803 El Gusto
4915 El Gusto
4906 El Gusto
12710 Prima Vista
12622 La Entrada

Area III Exemplary Homes
12511 La Bahia
5106 Encanta
5018 Sierra Madre
5014 Risada
5015 Risada

Area IV Exemplary Homes
5003 Cerro Vista
5007 Cerro Vista
12522 La Bodega
12423 La Lira
12207 Madrigal

Area V Exemplary Homes
5203 El Sueno
5307 La Pradero
5315 La Pradero
12115 Los Cerdos
5303 Los Palacias

Area VI Exemplary Homes
5315 Cerro Vista
5319 El Tejano
12423 Gran Vista
12419 Gran Vista
5310 La Senda

Exemplary Homes August 2012

Would you like your address to appear on this list? Winning is simple. Just pay your annual association maintenance fees and then spruce up your property so it's as nice or even nicer than the addresses listed at the left.

Winners chosen in May are ineligible from winning in August.

Association Area Representations will nominate homes during the last week of July. That gives everyone, who didn't win in May, nearly two months to make improvements in order to make the nomination list at the end of July.

Judges will drive thru the neighborhood scoring the nominated homes during the first two weeks in August. So, make sure your grass is mowed and edged, trash cans are put away out of sight, and that you've done everything possible to maximize the curb appeal of your home.

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The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.

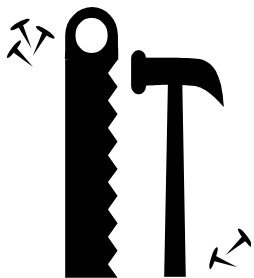
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.

- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously. The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Note: Most American Legion Posts regularly conduct a dignified flag burning ceremony, often on Flag Day, June 14th. Many Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops retire flags regularly as well. Contact your local American Legion Hall or Scout Troop to inquire about the availability of this service.



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Habitat for Humanity Day

The Valencia Neighborhood Association has scheduled a "Habitat Day" on September 22, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. at the Valencia Clubhouse.

Mark your calendars and start sorting items that can be sold at the Habitat stores. Habitat will accept building materials and used furniture that is in good condition. In addition, gently used clothing and toys will be accepted. Habitat for Humanity personnel will be on hand to sort, load and provide tax forms to people who make donations.

City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department

Recycling—Mondays
Trash—Thursdays

Next Bulky Item Pickup coming in November. Please do not put items out until you receive a tag on your door.



Stage 2 Water Restrictions

- ◆ All restrictions from Stage One remain in effect, unless added to or replaced by Stage Two rules.
- ◆ Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m. on your designated watering day, as determined by your address.
- ◆ Watering with drip irrigation or 5-gallon bucket is permitted any day, but only between 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m.
- ◆ Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed any time on any day.
- ◆ Use of fountains, waterfalls, or other aesthetic water features — outdoors or indoors — is prohibited, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.

Last Digit of Street Address	Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday

- ◆ All non-public swimming pools must have a minimum of 25 percent of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use. Inflatable pool toys or floating decorations may be used for this purpose.
- ◆ Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions to this rule may be requested from SAWS in writing.
- ◆ Residential washing of vehicles or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or bucket of five gallons or less may be used. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.



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Linda Garris,
38 years in El Dorado and holding

EDHA Calendar

July

July 4
2nd Monday
3rd Monday

Independence Day Parade
Neighborhood Meeting
Cellular on Patrol Meeting

3rd Monday District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting (at Tool Yard)

August

1st Week
2nd Monday
3rd Monday

Exemplary Homes Judging
Neighborhood Meeting
Cellular on Patrol Meeting

September

1st Monday
2nd Monday
3rd Monday

3rd Monday

Pool Closes on Labor Day
Neighborhood Meeting
Cellular on Patrol Meeting

District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting (at Tool Yard)

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Directory Update

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

(Your contact information is not shared outside of EDHA)

Other Household Members at this address and Children's Ages

- **General Maintenance Fee** **\$95.00**

Payment may be split into 2 payments but must be paid in full prior to facilities use.

Please Return to:
El Dorado Homes Association
12606 Prima Vista
San Antonio TX 78233



2012 FULL MAINTENANCE FEE/POOL FEE INFORMATION
Directory Update

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

(Your contact information is not shared outside of EDHA)

Other Household Members at this address and Children's Ages

- **Full Maintenance/Pool Fee** **\$175.00**

Payment may be split into 2 payments but must be paid in full prior to facilities use.

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