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SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNBURST

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I am thrilled to open with a warm welcome to our new Sunburst Editor, Amabel Lopez. A long-time resident of El Dorado, Amabel brings a wealth of experience and interest to a role of great value and importance to the community. We can all help her be successful by submitting information articles, and encouraging businesses we have contact with to purchase advertising space which will benefit both them and El Dorado. Welcome Amabel! We pledge you our full support in

this very important job. Congratulations to the 2012 Exemplary Homes winners listed in this issue. The residents of the homes listed on page 6 will be honored with our annual Exemplary Homes Banquet on September 29, 2012 at the clubhouse. The Board thanks each of these residents for the interest they show in their homes, and in the community, through their efforts to maintain their homes and yards in such excellent condition.

Alia Garrett, our Area One Representative, who is also the El Dorado Welcome Wagon Representative, needs your help. When someone new to the community moves in near you, please introduce yourself and get their names, address, and any other pertinent data and pass it to Alia so she can send them valuable information.

The appearance of the lake area and other parts of our community testify to the urgent need for volunteers to help

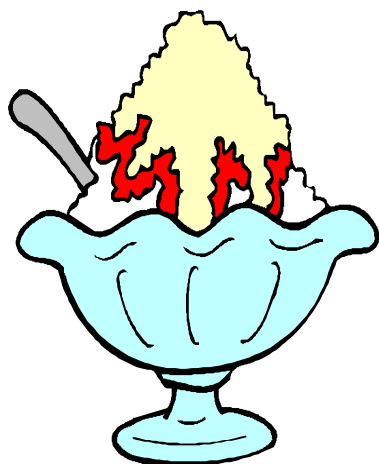
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- *Rent the clubhouse—Call Cathy Freeman 657-3002*
- *Next EDHA Meeting—Sept. 10, 2012 7:00 p.m. @ the clubhouse*
- *Deadline for any article to the Sunburst—by 15th of the current Month*
- *Membership year runs from May 1-April 30*

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If interested, please contact Michelle Johnson at 210-
946-5099 or mjohnson082407@att.net for further de-
tails. Your quick response is appreciated!

HATS OFF!

Hats Off to Renee Richno who served as Code Compliance Committee Chair for the past years! Thank you for your hard work and diligence!

Hats Off to Jessica Hixson for serving as our Sunburst Editor from September 2011 through June 2012! Thanks for all your hard work!!!

We appreciate you and wish you and all your family very well!

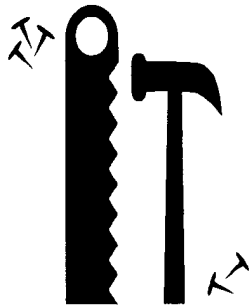
A very hearty *THANK YOU* to Linda Garris for serving as Chairman of the Pool Committee for many years! Thanks for a job well done! We look forward to working with you to make El Dorado an even better place to live, work and play!



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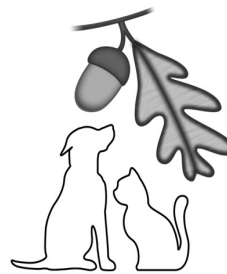
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hill from the drainage area. Much as we don't like to think about it, this means the potential for a wildfire to spread quickly into any of our backyards, possibly when we are not home.

Research has shown a LOT can be done to reduce the incidence of wildfires and the destruction they cause. A key step is to reduce the amount of dry brush and weeds on and around your property. Keeping your yard mowed and pruned is only part of the job. If you really want to protect your home, you need to thin out the brush on the slope leading up to your house. It can quickly

become a conflagration that will spread to the rest of your property.

Neighbors need to work together. If one neighbor keeps a well maintained lot and the next door neighbor's property is overgrown, it puts both homes at risk. We cannot depend on the City or our hard-working El Dorado volunteers to keep the drainage area constantly mowed and pruned. We need to do our part to protect our own homes.

If you smell a grass fire, don't just assume it's OK; check it out immediately. If you live next to one of the

passageways between the street and the drainage area, keep branches cut back so firefighters and their gear can get through in an emergency. Please go to www.firewise.org to learn more ways to reduce your risk from wildfire.

Let's all work together to keep El Dorado safe.

By Carol Crawford



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Code Compliance Chairman is looking for volunteers to sit on the Code compliance Committee. In particular, we need one person that has computer skills.

If you are interested please call Irene Nunley at 656-4982.

Also, help needed to locate, recruit and coordinate with advertisers for the Sunburst.

I can teach you what I know. Please call or text Reinette at 210-241-2683, or email me at reinette3@gmail.com if you have questions.

Thank you!

THANK YOU

Welcome aboard to **Joyce Streuding**, our new Pool Committee Chairman!

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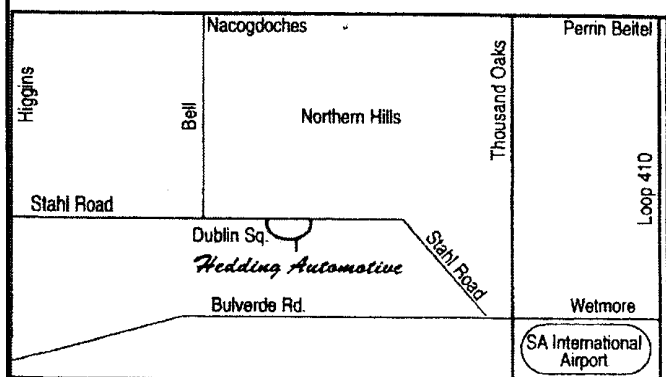
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El Dorado Exemplary Homes Campaign 2012, Part Two

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 carefully choose 5 homes in each of their respective areas. Since the Area Reps tend to be long term residents, they are well equipped to know which residents in their area do well with on going property maintenance.

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 29, 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.

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5203 El Sueno
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5315 La Pradero
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Area VI Exemplary Homes
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12518 La Aventura
4814 La Salida

Area II Exemplary Homes
4810 El Gusto
4823 El Gusto
12614 La Bahia
4910 La Posada
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5019 Risada
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5227 La Barranca

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12115 Las Nubes
5311 Los Palacios
5323 Los Palacios

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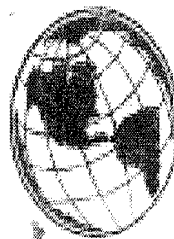
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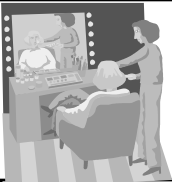
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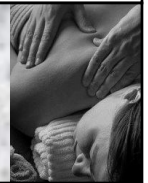
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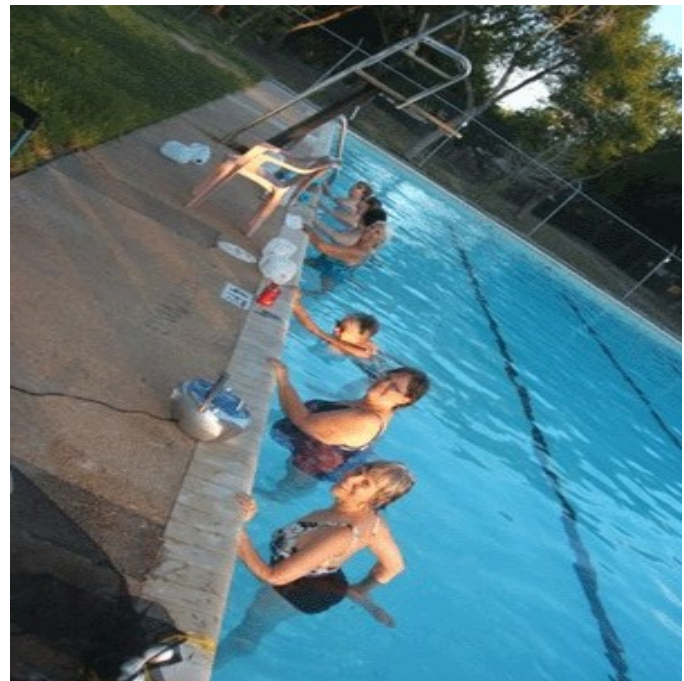
Hello my El Dorado neighbors,

Is it time to get back to school already??? It seems like we just opened the pool, and the "StingRays" were practicing hard every evening for their next Swim Meet. We hope all of you have had a chance to come swim, or party in the best hidden secret in Northeast San Antonio. Membership has picked up slightly this year, and we certainly have seen more children on a regular basis.

Linda Garris resigned from her many years of hard work for our pool, and I have learned so much from her. It will take three of us to be able to follow in her footsteps!

This summer, we have also purchased 12 new chairs to complement the 3 black, iron tables with umbrellas. The Pool Committee will be making some big decisions for the 2013 season, and we will keep you informed as the months go by. More to come in the next "Sunburst"!

By Joyce Strueding



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As one of the volunteers who mow around the pond, I probably see behind the houses that back up on the pond more than most. One of the things I have noticed while riding the Association's mower is the difference in the level of effort people put into maintaining the area behind their back fences. Some of the people whose homes back up on the pond seem to have forgotten that they also have a responsibility to trim behind their fence.

Most of the residents who have the pleasure of looking out on the natural area behind them make sure the weeds and grass behind their fence are cut down and trash free. It takes only a few minutes with a trimmer when you mow your yard to keep the area weed free. If you keep an area about two feet wide trimmed, the volunteer mowers can get the rest.

A few people seem to think the area behind their house is their personal dumping ground. I have come across old fence boards, charcoal from grills, piles of leaves, large stacks of limbs that have been trimmed from trees in their yards and even scraps of pressure treated lumber that appear to have been thrown over the fence. This is also true of several of the homes that back up on the drainage ditches.

This not only detracts from everyone's enjoyment of the area, it makes mowing difficult and dangerous. If the mower hits something that's hidden from view, it can damage the mower or injure someone. Large piles of limbs that prevent areas from being mowed can become breeding grounds for rats, skunks and snakes. In addition, the dead leaves make good tinder for a fire that could spread quickly to homes in the area.

If one of your neighbors decided to start tossing his trash into your yard you would probably be quite upset. Throwing your trash into the common areas behind your house is no different than throwing it into someone else's yard. Someone has to pick it up or the area will become an impassable trash pile. The EDHA has periodic lake clean up days, but there is more than enough debris from fallen limbs and trees to keep the volunteers busy. They shouldn't have to deal with trash that residents throw behind their houses.

When I'm mowing and come across debris that washes down or fallen limbs, I will move it out of the way. When I discover items that have been put out by someone, I mow around them. If you don't want six foot tall weeds growing up behind your house, please stop putting things back there and pick up what you've already put there.

Perhaps it would be helpful if the annual judging for the Exemplary Homes Program included a look behind the houses that back up on the ponds and drainage ditches. To be judged exemplary, the front and back of the home should set an example.

By John Cook

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with routine maintenance of several areas. If you are willing to give some time helping in any area to benefit the community, please contact me or your area representative.

Finally, our President-elect, Reinette Alecozay, who will officially assume the role in October, is already actively involved in several activities of potential benefit to our community. If you have an interest in a particular area, or some idea you wish to share, I am sure Reinette would like to hear from you.

Yours for a better El Dorado, Rich Taylor

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Sept. 10th (Monday)

6:30p Monday Evening Book Club

Discussion of the book *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

Sept. 15th (Saturday)

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Sept. 19th (Wednesday)

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2:00p Thursday Book Club

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Shephard & Burris and Morton/Southwest.

When the subdivision first started, it was outside the city limits.

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of El Dorado, and the lake was actually a cow pond.

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Perrin Beitel and Nacogdoches were two lane roads. The nearest place to
buy

Groceries was a Piggly Wiggly at Nacogdoches at Loop 410.

There were no restaurants in the area, and the Tower of the

Americas could be seen from the subdivision.

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