



EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION

September, 2013



Look for us on the web at:

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/El_Dorado

Connect with us on



The Legendary land of wealth and happiness

Sunburst



**HAVE YOUR ADDRESS STENCILLED
ON YOUR CURB FOR A \$20
DONATION TO EL DORADO HOMES
ASSOCIATION.**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK FOR \$20
MADE OUT TO EDHA to:**

EDHA

12606 Prima Vista

SA, TX 78233

**or give your check to your Area
Representative or any Board
Member**

**Come to National Night Out TUESDAY,
October 1, in front of the Club House!**

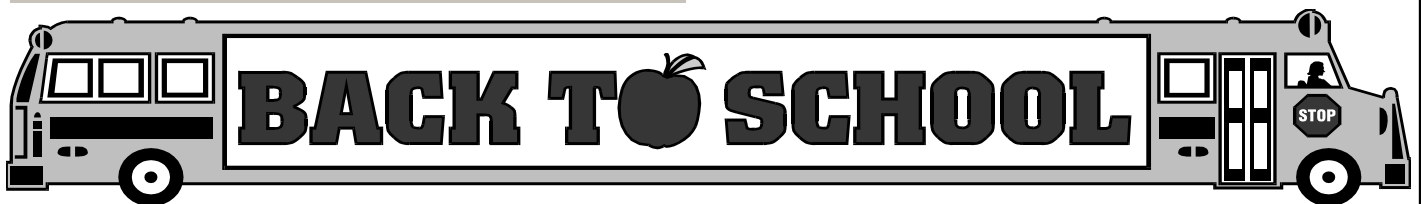
**There will be free snow cones, city
officials and important information of
interest to everyone!**



Tuesday, October 1st

**For a list of City of San Antonio Events, and
to register your NNO event on the local and
national level, visit:**

**[www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/
NationalNightOut](http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/NationalNightOut)**



**EDHA
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING
Monday,
September 9th
7pm
AT THE CLUBHOUSE
Please join us!**

**DONATE YOUR
UNUSED
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
TO EDHA!!**

DETAILS ON PAGE 11

Deadline for October

Sunburst:

September 15th

Sunburst Email

Address:

EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com

Contributions Welcome!!

**THE CLUBHOUSE
IS AVAILABLE
FOR PRIVATE
PARTIES!!!**

**Call Cathy Freeman
657-3002**

Classified Ads.....	Page 3
President's Notes.....	Page 4
Yarn Bomber.....	Page 5
Sidewalks.....	Page 6
Fall Gardening.....	Page 7
Street Numbers.....	Page 7
Hats Off.....	Page 9
Thousand Oaks Library.....	Page 9
Bulletin Board.....	Page 10
Note from the Principal.....	Page 11
El Dorado Garage Sale.....	Page 11
Hats Off.....	Page 11
Graffiti Wipeout.....	Back Cover



Claudia Torres,
the SAFE Officer for El Dorado,
prefers to be contacted by email:
Claudia.Guerrero@sanantonio.gov

SUNBURST ADVERTISING

Classified Ads	\$3.00	per month
Business Cards	\$15.00	per month
1/4 Page	\$24.00	per month
1/2 Page	\$48.00	per month
Full Page	\$96.00	per month
Full Back Cover	\$120.00	per month

Your copy-ready ad and payment must be received before the 15th of the month to appear in the following month's Sunburst. Call Reinette for details or to place an ad.

EDHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	REINETTE ALECOZAY	241-2683
VICE-PRESIDENT	VACANT	
SECRETARY	LOLA OLSMITH	657-0086
TREASURER	DON MALIK	655-5453
PARLIAMENTARIAN	KAREN EASTERLING	817-938-1264
AREA I	ALIA GARRETT	317-8691
AREA II	KURT JOHNSON	946-5099
AREA III	KAREN EASTERLING	817-938-1264
AREA IV	DON FLYNN	563-0235
AREA V	WIL PORTIS	650-3629
AREA VI	CONRAD BOECK	653-3633

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

CLUBHOUSE	CATHY FREEMAN	657-3002
CODE COMPLIANCE	IRENE NUNLEY	656-4982
C.O.P.	JERALD HOOD	654-0004
LAKE	DON FLYNN	563-0235
GROUNDS	VACANT	
SIGN DIRECTOR	MARGARET TIMM	657-2329
MAINTENANCE FEE	LOLA OLSMITH	657-0086
POOL	JOYCE STREUDING	480-2074
SOCIAL	VACANT	
WELCOME WAGON	ALIA GARRETT	317-8691

BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP

13714 Lookout Road
San Antonio, TX 78233
Phone: 210-656-2000

www.bfsatx.org

Bruce Blakey
Pastor -Teacher

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Sunday School 9:00-10:00 am
Nursery provided

Wednesday Evening 6:30-8:00 pm:
Awana (3 years Old-5th grade)
Junior High "The Way"
High School "CrossLife"

Wednesday Evening 7:00-8:00
School of Evangelism

SUNBURST STAFF

EDITOR	JAMIE GIFFORD	655-9594
DISTRIBUTION	SHIRLEY STEPHENS	654-4758
	MARY BROOKS	653-0474
ADVERTISING	REINETTE ALECOZAY	241-2683
SUNBURST EMAIL	EDHASUNBURST @SATX.RR.COM	

THE SUNBURST IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY (SEP-JUN)
BY THE EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE
COMMUNICATION TO ALL HOMES IN THE EL DORADO
SUBDIVISION. THE STAFF ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS AND
THE PAPER SUPPORTS ITSELF THROUGH ADVERTISING.
MAILING ADDRESS: 12606 PRIMA VISTA, 78233.

El Dorado says Goodbye to:

- ◆ *Janice "Jan" Hoag, who passed away on May 4.*
- ◆ *Julia Garza, who passed away on May 29.*
- ◆ *Cal Carmichael, who passed away on May 30.*
- ◆ *Roxanne Redepenning-Barnett, who passed away on July 14.*

*Condolences
to family and friends.*

CLASSIFIED ADS

HONEY DO'S AND MORE - Let me help you with any project. Ceiling fans, wallpaper, decks, fences, painting...Very reasonable.

Call Rick at 789-0567.

MARY KAY INDEPENDENT BEAUTY CONSULTANT - PAM SMITH, 656-5426, email pamelasmith@marykay.com, or shop online 24/7 at:

www.marykay.com/pamelasmith

El Dorado resident since 1973 and EDHA supporter.

PERSONAL HOUSE CLEANING & ORGANIZING SERVICE - Tailored to meet your needs. Reliable and experienced one or two story houses. Weekly, bi-weekly or monthly \$75 to \$125.

Call/Text Tiffany Jewett 937-654-3181

Classified ads and miscellaneous notices are available to El Dorado residents for \$3.00 (approx. 25 words). Ads by students, age 21 and under, are free.

**Contact Jamie Gifford at
655-9594 or**

**EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com
by the 15th of the month.**

**Repair and
Drain Service**

**Prompt Professional
Service**

Carmichael Plumbing Co.

655-9749

Steve Carmichael • Licensed Master Plumber

president's Notes

By ReINETte Alecozay



Good day to you!

In this issue, first let's shoot down some myths about El Dorado Homes Association. Our bylaws prohibit any board member from receiving any remuneration for their work. We enforce city code, take care of common property and promote the health, safety and welfare of residents in El Dorado. We cannot foreclose on your home or tell you what color to paint your house. We are volunteers, serving all of El Dorado, whether or not you pay your dues. You are valued and important, whether or not you choose to join the association. Know that you are needed and encouraged to participate as a fellow volunteer.

Secondly, if you see or hear a violation of the law in El Dorado, including disturbance of the peace at any hour, call our Safe and Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officer Claudia Guerrero at 210-219-8531. Report Code violations to 311.

Thirdly you are cordially invited to participate in the National Night Out potluck party Tuesday Oct 1, 2013 in front of the Clubhouse! Bring your favorite finger foods, ice chests of cold drinks and yard chairs. The city will provide valuable and interesting information and freebies for our safety. There will be free snow cones for the kids as well!

Lastly and most importantly, THANK YOU to each of you who pick up trash whenever you see it in the neighborhood!!! THANK YOU to each of you who keep your homes neat, mowing behind your back fence. Keeping your house and yard neat increases the value of your own property and the El Dorado Subdivision. Thank you for keeping El Dorado beautiful! We appreciate you!!!

God bless you!

ReINETte Alecozay

September

1st Monday
2nd Monday
3rd Monday
3rd Monday

Pool Closes on Labor Day
EDHA Meeting
COP Meeting
Northeast Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

October

1st Tuesday
1st Saturday
2nd Monday
3rd Monday

National Night Out
Neighborhood Garage Sale
EDHA Meeting
COP Meeting



210.744.5697

Whitaker Real Estate Group Keller Williams Heritage

Wade Whitaker REALTOR®

Kari Whitaker REALTOR®, CRS, GRI, RFC

El Dorado Homeowner since 2003

Kari@KariWhitaker.com



www.WhitakerRealEstateGroup.com

We're about helping people understand the tax advantages, financing alternatives & investment aspects of homeownership.

Sign up for our Better Homeowner Newsletter on our website.



Please allow me to introduce myself. I am the El Dorado Yarn Bomber. I hope you enjoyed the bombing of the pool this summer as much as I enjoyed bombing it!

Your Sunburst article about my first bombing suggested that I might be sending you a message. That is exactly what I'm trying to do! But the message offered by the colorful fiber sea creatures at the pool is yours to contemplate. My team has pointed out to me though, that the message isn't just about the pool, or summer. And not everyone has experienced the bomb yet.

So I'm giving you a heads up. It'll happen again before you know it. I'll be seeing you!...

The Yarn Bomber





Mr. Fix-It

A MEMBER OF THE EL DORADO COMMUNITY

Specializing in:

Home repairs
Carpentry
Drywall repair

Interior and exterior painting
Decks and Fences
Door replacements

Free Estimates
967-0233
Ask for John

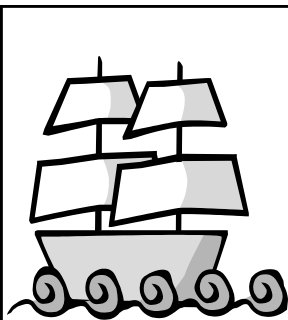


DID YOU KNOW?

Property Owners are Responsible for
Maintenance of Sidewalks, Curbs and
Driveways

The sidewalks in front of your home are an extension of your front yard and should be maintained. Sidewalks should be accessible to all your neighbors and fellow community members. To make your neighborhood useable for all, be sure to keep sidewalks free from any obstructions such as mailboxes, basketball hoops, parked cars, trashcans, shrubbery and fences. Keep all trees, shrubs and grass on the premises well trimmed so they will not overhang the sidewalks and interfere with the pedestrian path. Failure to keep sidewalks clear may result in a fine up to \$500.00 (Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Sec. 29-11, Sec. 6-1 and Sec. 1-5).

For additional information please call San Antonio Customer Service Department at 311 or visit www.municode.com (for ordinance)



101 days

The time it took the Pilgrims to sail from Southampton, England, to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620.

7.25 hours

How long it takes to fly from London to Boston.

Mayflower Day is September 16.
Anchors aweigh!

Maverick Football

9/6	@Kerrville Tivy	7:30
9/13	New Braunfels	7:30
9/19	Smithson Valley	7:00
9/27	@Churchill	7:30

District 10 Councilman **Carlton Soules**

City Hall Office

P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, TX 78283
210-207-7276

Constituent Office

1635 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 604
San Antonio, TX 78209
210-207-0999

Councilman Carlton Soules

Carlton.Soules@sanantonio.gov

Amanda Garcia-Aguinaga

Sr. Executive Secretary

Amanda.Garcia-Aguinaga@sanantonio.gov

Mario Hune

Chief of Staff

Mario.Hune@sanantonio.gov

Ricardo Jimenez

Chief Advisor of Policy

Ricardo.Jimenez@sanantonio.gov

Allison Cohen

Chief Advisor of Constituent Services

Allison.Cohen@sanantonio.gov

Elizabeth Resendis

Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth.Resendis@sanantonio.gov

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

Gardening for the Fall

It is time to begin preparing your landscape for the coming winter. August has been hard on your lawn with the lack of rain and high temperatures which causes most turf to thin. This increases the chance of winter weeds germinating (winter weeds germinate starting in September and continue through December). To minimize seed germination use a pre-emergent herbicide in early September, your local nurseries should have them in stock now. As fall and winter progress if any weeds do germinate you can spot spray with a broadleaf weed killer that contains 2-4D.

It is still a bit early to fertilize, usually this is done mid-October or even later if the weather stays warm. The rule of thumb for turf fertilization in the fall is to wait until after the final mowing.

Treat most ground covers the same as your turf. Trees and shrubs are a bit more difficult because there are such a wide range of species in use. Generally, water thoroughly and fertilize according to species recommendations. This is also a good time for mulching your shrub and color beds.

For winter color, Pansies, Dianthus, and Snapdragons can be planted from the end of September through the mid-December. Cyclamen and German Primrose should not be planted until, at the earliest, late November.

Jack Eli,
Little Leaf Grounds Services

Car 54, Where Are You?

San Antonio Police might have a hard time answering that question when driving by many homes in El Dorado. Mailbox after mailbox with peeling numbers, faded numbers, missing numbers. Is the address on your mailbox "12345", or does it say "12..." because some of the numbers are only a memory. You may have them memorized, but chances are Car 54 does not.

Yes, some houses have freshly painted numbers on the driveway or curb. Yes, many homes have a number visible on the front of the house. How easy (or difficult or impossible) is it for someone to read your address, day or night?

House numbers help Police, Fire, and EMS reach your home in an emergency. Your clearly marked number also helps emergency services reach your neighbor's home up the street.

We can help keep Car 54 from getting lost in El Dorado streets by being sure our house number is clearly visible. If the numbers on your mailbox are peeling or gone with the wind, shiny new numbers are about 75¢ each at your local hardware store or Wal-Mart.

Police, Fire, and EMS will thank you (not to mention the postal service, UPS, FedEx, ViaTrans, Domino's, and your grateful neighbors up the street).

Carol C.

SAN ANTONIO CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR



Free service call
with repair

Call us today for all of
your air conditioning
and heating needs
210-599-1200

Free duct inspection

SUMMER TUNE UP SPECIAL \$99 NOW \$49



TACLB17590E



**60 MONTH 0% FINANCING
CALL FOR DETAILS**

RON'S TOWING SERVICE



367-2954

El Dorado Animal Hospital

13039 Nacogdoches Road • San Antonio, Texas 78217

Dr. Dennis McIntosh



For Appointments :
656-1444

www.edahdrmc.com

For Emergencies:

404-2873 - Sonterra

822-2873 - Broadway

Get Paid to Shop!

Get 10¢ cash back on every
debit card purchase.



FREE Cash Back Checking ★ Join today - rbfcu.org

*As a member of the El Dorado HOA,
you and your family are eligible for membership.*

**San Antonio
210-945-3300**

**Toll-free
1-800-580-3300**

Program subject to change. Federally insured by NCUA.





Thousand Oaks Branch Library

September 2013
4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.
207-9190

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

September 9th (Monday)

6:30p – 7:30p Monday Evening Book Club
Discussion of the book
The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

September 19th (Thursday)

2:00p Thursday Book Club
Discussion of the book
The House of the Spirits by Isabelle Allende

September 21st (Saturday)

10:30a Friends of the Library meeting

Wednesdays (Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th)

5:00p Teen Time
Games, books, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13 and up.

Thursdays (Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th)

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.



Hats Off To...

Michelle Johnson

For spending countless hours scheduling, rescheduling and coordinating multiple photo shoots, taking and cataloging photos and assembling photo ID's for hundreds of pool members, as well as cross-checking each membership before distribution. It's a thankless job and we appreciate it.

5 BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN BANNED SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA OVER THE PAST 129 YEARS:

- ◆ *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain
- ◆ *The Grapes of Wrath*, by John Steinbeck
- ◆ *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker
- ◆ *The Golden Compass*, by Philip Pullman
- ◆ *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (and all the other books in the Harry Potter series), by J.K. Rowling

Celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week, from September 22-28. Go to the American Library Association's website, ala.org, for more information.

THINK EDHA COULD DO MORE?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WE NEED YOU.

Condolences to EDHA Board Member Karen Easterling on the passing of her mother.



I hope you have noticed our beautiful new bulletin board in front of the parking lot for the clubhouse/pool. Thanks again to Eric Meyer for designing it and to Eric, Rich Taylor and Conrad Boeck for working on the construction!

The bulletin board is a message center for EDHA, the clubhouse, and the pool committee, but also for the use of residents for neighborhood events and issues (lost and found pets, garage sales, etc.) At its August meeting, the EDHA board approved the following guidelines for the bulletin board.

- ◆ Neighborhood signs only
- ◆ One sign per event/item
- ◆ Bulletin board cleared monthly (Please date your sign.)
- ◆ For business ads, please contact Sunburst newsletter advertising at EDHASunburst@satx.rr.com

With gentle treatment, our bulletin board should look great for many years. Pushpins, thumbtacks, and/or tape seem to do the least damage to the bulletin board. (Please no screws, nails, or large staples.) Thanks to all for your help in keeping our neighborhood bulletin board beautiful!

Margaret Timm

Israel's Income Tax and Bookkeeping Services

Individual Tax Returns Sole Proprietor Corporate Tax Returns Partnership Tax Returns Employment Tax Returns Non-Profit Organization Tax Returns	IRS Audits IRS Problems Delinquent Filing Installment Agreements Offers in Compromise IRS Liens
--	--

International Tax Returns
NO TAX RETURN IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL
ELECTRONIC FILING

ISRAEL V. GARCIA, Enrolled Agent
 (Enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service)

I am a retired Internal Revenue Agent
(Field Auditor/International Examiner)

13327 Nacogdoches, Suite 4 Phone 210-599-8133
San Antonio, Texas 78233 Fax 210-590-0383



LITTLE LEAF GROUNDS SERVICES

*Lawn Maintenance *Shrub and Bed Service
 *Light/medium landscaping *Pressure Washing

JACK ELI

33 Years Professional Experience

Residential/Commercial

Quality Matters

Certified Turfgrass Professional

*Certification through University of Georgia and
Professional Landcare Network*

259-7574 (Cell) or 637-0713

littleleaf@satx.rr.com

Note from the Principal

By Susan Peery

El Dorado Elementary welcomes everyone back to the new school year. This fall marks the school's 40th anniversary. The school opened in 1973. We will be working to put a celebration together. If you have any thoughts or ideas, we would love to hear them.

This year we will also be honoring our Family Specialist, Ms. Ester Morales, who was killed in a car accident on July 3, 2013. She served our community with love, grace, and spirit. We are grieving this loss and she will be greatly missed.

One way to honor her is to increase the volunteers we welcome at our school. If you would like to volunteer as a classroom assistant, a student mentor, a work room volunteer, cafeteria supervisor, playground supervisor, or Special Events volunteer, please come by the school and let us know. We would love to hear from you and get you started.

Mark your calendars for:

- ♦ Grandparents' Day:
Lunch with the Grandkids
Friday, September 6
(Kinder, First and Third grades)
Monday, September 9
(Second, Fourth, and Fifth grades)
- ♦ Parent Orientation/Open House
Thursday, Sept 19 6pm-7:15pm
- ♦ Mariachi Breakfast
Friday, Sept. 27 7am-8am

Together let's work to have a great school year for the children of El Dorado.

Susan Peery



Hats Off To...

The Unsung Heroes

Who faithfully mowed the lake area throughout this brutally hot summer. We may not be able to name all of you, but your efforts do not go unnoticed nor unappreciated.

Thank you.

El Dorado will be holding its annual neighborhood-wide garage sale on Saturday, Oct 5th. The



event will be advertised in the Express News. Each participant is responsible for obtaining an individual garage sale permit from the City of San Antonio. This year, the clubhouse will be set up as a participating "garage sale station." All residents who do not wish to host their own sale are welcome to donate any unused household items to EDHA. We will be collecting items at the clubhouse on Friday, Oct 4th, from 3:00 to 7:00pm. All proceeds from the clubhouse sale will go toward the maintenance/improvements of our common areas. Items not sold will be donated after the sale. Thank you in advance for your donations! Information regarding permits and garage sale regulations is available by calling 311 or at:

www.sanantonio.gov/ces/garagesales.aspx



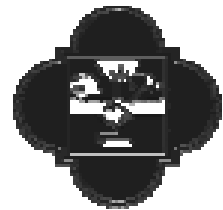
10th Annual Graffiti Wipeout Volunteer Days!

Saturdays

September 7th or September 14th
City Council Clean-Up September 21, 2013

Wipeout Graffiti in 2 Easy Steps!

1. **Pick a date and Register** via phone at (210) 207-5430, (210) 207-BUFF (2833) or email, Lisa.McKenzie@sanantonio.gov.
2. **Show up.** Check-in at the pre-assigned location (locations assigned one week prior to event) and grab a brush from 9-11:30am. Paint and supplies are provided.



PARKS & RECREATION
SAN ANTONIO

Enjoy the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and *Awards Ceremony on September 21, 2013. Lunch will be served at Mateo Camargo Park, 5738 Castroville, starting at noon (first come, first served). Informational booths, door prizes and entertainment provided by Inner City With Style. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the park!



*Trophies for highest organizational participation will be given during awards presentation at 1:00pm.

The Fine Print

EACH VOLUNTEER MUST FILL OUT AND RETURN TO CITY STAFF, THE "AGREEMENT INCLUDING RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION" FORM. THIS FORM IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.
 (EXTRA FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE THE DAY OF THE EVENT.)

SAFETY TIPS

• WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR • NO SANDALS
 SMOKING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WHILE WORKING • TAKE BREAKS • DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS
 MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE FUN!

