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January, 2014



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Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

1st	12535 Prima Vista
2nd	5126 Risada
3rd	12202 La Charca

Most Creative:

12511 La Mañana

Honorable Mention:

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5011 Cerro Vista
12715 Via Perfecto
4806 Sierra Madre
4811 Las Brisas

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up" El Dorado with lovely
holiday decorations.**

**EDHA MEETING
Monday,
January 13th
7:00 PM
AT THE
CLUB HOUSE**

Please join us!

**New Advertiser:
Get 'em Out
Pest Control
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**Deadline for February
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January 15th**

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January

2nd Monday
3rd Monday
4th Monday

EDHA Meeting-Club House
COP Meeting-Club House
Northeast Neighborhood Alliance Meeting

February

2nd Monday
3rd Monday

EDHA Meeting-Club House
COP Meeting-Club House

Condolences

*To the family and friends of
William Williams,
who passed away on
December 10, 2013.*



Hats Off To... Sabrina Richey

For donating the lovely Christmas
decorations for the Club House.
Thank you!

★ Know an El Dorado resident who has ★
★ gone above and beyond? Nominate ★
★ them for recognition in our regular ★
★ column, ★
★ "Hats Off To..." ★
★
★ Contact the editor or any EDHA ★
★ Board Member with your ★
★ nominations! ★

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Garbage Collection

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**Contact Jamie Gifford at
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by the 15th of the month.**

president's Notes

By Reinette Alecozay



Greetings, Neighbor!

May this year be a new beginning for each of you, a year of hope, creative solutions, health, strength, wisdom, prosperity and personal peace. You are all such a treasure to me!

Let's give a huge THANK YOU to Shirley Stephens and Mary Brooks for the awesome work they do coordinating an army of over 60 volunteers that distribute the Sunburst! Thank you, Rich Taylor, for transporting 800 Sunbursts from the printer to the Clubhouse so they can be distributed each month! I constantly hear compliments on the beautiful job Jamie Gifford does on our Sunburst and give a hearty "Amen!" We are grateful to our advertisers for contributing toward the Sunburst. We encourage you to do business with these are quality service providers.

Thanks to our Social Committee for all your hard work on the highly successful Breakfast with Santa! What a special time it was!

Thank you to our generous board, which provided the meat for our delicious Christmas potluck!

Thank you, Wil Portis for providing Karaoke and for you and your wife, Christine, setting up the equipment. You provided lots of fun entertainment again this year, and we are so grateful!

Thanks to our Christmas Lights judges for your labor of love, and congratulations to our winners!!!

Thank you to Conrad Boeck for repairing the sprinkler system and keeping the database for us!

Thank you to all those of you who serve behind the scenes, quietly caring for your neighbors, making El Dorado a special place to live. Thank you to those of you who provide advice and wisdom. You are a very precious commodity I value very highly.

THANK YOU to each of you who pick up trash whenever you see it in the neighborhood! Thank you for keeping El Dorado beautiful! We appreciate you!!!

God bless you!

Reinette Alecozay

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Breakfast with Santa 2013



What's better than donuts and hot chocolate? Donuts and hot chocolate with Santa himself! That's exactly what the children got on December 7th at our annual Breakfast with Santa in the El Dorado clubhouse. The cold weather made the warm, Shipley's donuts and hot chocolate even more delicious! The children were so excited when Santa and Mrs. Claus entered the Clubhouse! One by one, they took their turn on Santa's lap to tell him what they wanted for Christmas! Santa and Mrs. Claus were more than happy to listen to such requests and encourage them to keep up the good behavior. They were treated with a candy cane and then a picture with the jolly couple! Some of the children couldn't wait to tell Santa thank you for the gifts they requested AND received last year. Breakfast with Santa has been an El Dorado tradition for many years. The hope is that it goes for many more years and grows with every year! Thank you to all who helped in

putting this together for our El Dorado children! A BIG Thank you to Shipley's Donuts, right down the road on Nacogdoches, for making us the freshest, most yummiest donuts holes within miles! Everyone LOVES them and looks forward to them every year! Of course we must thank the wonderful ladies from Valencia for providing the supplies and teachings for the crafts the children made. The craft room looked a little like what Santa's workshop might look like with everyone working so diligently on their project! The children enjoyed creating some really lovely things from ornaments to jewelry! We are always so grateful to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule to stop by and visit with the children! The El Dorado board and committees strive to bring our community together and events like this one do just that! Children and parents alike were greeting old friends while also making new ones! If you were unable to make it this year, we sure hope to see you next year!



COLLECTION OF LEAVES

City of San Antonio
Solid Waste Management Department

Residential solid waste customers may request two (2) free of charge collections for leaves per fiscal year. Additional collections within the same fiscal year may be requested but are subject to a fee. The City will only pick up leaves placed in paper bags or cardboard boxes and must meet the following specifications:

Paper Bags

- total material not to exceed eight (8) cubic yards
- not to exceed fifty (50) bags
- individual bag must not weigh more than forty (40) pounds
- must be of two-ply kraft (lawn and leaf paper bags)
- must have a wet strength of forty (40) pounds
- must be securely closed
- must be resistant to breakage when lifted

Lawn and leaf paper bags can be purchased from various home improvement, grocery, and department stores.

Cardboard Boxes

- total material not to exceed eight (8) cubic yards
- not to exceed fifty (50) boxes
- individual box must not weigh more than forty (40) pounds
- must be made of brown bio-degradable cardboard
- must be securely closed
- must be resistant to breakage when lifted
- not to exceed four (4) feet in height or width
- Size of box must allow for easy lifting and handling by one (1) person

Unacceptable Piles

Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.

Change is in The Bag®

Change is in The Bag® is an effort to reduce the amount of plastic bags consumed everyday and to recycle the rest. The goal is to motivate San Antonians to use reusable bags when they shop and to recycle plastic bags at participating retailers when San Antonians receive them. Change is in The Bag is an alliance between the City of San Antonio, H-E-B, JC Penney, Target, Walgreens, WalMart, Keep San Antonio Beautiful and the Texas Retailers Association.

It is very important that San Antonians **DO NOT** toss their plastic bags in the blue recycle bins at their house. This leads to a variety of problems at the recycling center which is better set up for the recycling of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, etc. Instead, Change is in The Bag® urges people to take their plastic bags to the participating retailers listed above for proper recycling.

Take plastic bags back to participating retailers for recycling. **DO NOT** throw them in your blue recycle bin!

The 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship application is now available. Each year, as part of its celebration and focus on youth and education, the City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission administers a Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program. These scholarships help to fund a portion of the college tuition of several deserving students, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Application and information on the 2014 MLK Jr., Scholarship are available at www.sanantonio.gov/mlk. Deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 by 4 p.m.

City of San Antonio

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

After the holidays, recycle your Christmas tree into nutrient-rich mulch for FREE by bringing it to one of 17 drop-off locations throughout the city.

January 4 & 5 and 11 & 12
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location	Address
Beard Elementary School	8725 Sonoma Pkwy, 78023
Frank Garrett Community Center	1226 NW 18TH St, 78207
Cooper Academy	1700 Tampico, 78207
Rusty Lions Sports Center	6300 McCullough, 78212
Bitters Brush Recycling Center	1800 Bitters Rd, 78216
Copernicus Park	5003 Lord Rd, 78220
Southeast District Center	7402 S New Braunfels, 78223
Gilbert Ramirez Park	1011 Gillette Blvd, 78224
Southside Drop-Off Center	5450 Castroville Rd, 78227
Northeast District Center	10303 Tool Yard, 78233
Northwest District Center	6802 Culebra, 78238
Friesenhahn Park	15701 O'Conner Rd, 78247
Boone Elementary	6614 Spring Time, 78249
Nelson Gardens Recycling Center	8963 Nelson Rd, 78252
Stevenson Middle School	8403 Tezel Rd, 78254
Eisenhower Park	19399 NW Military Hwy, 78257
Stone Oak Park	20395 Stone Oak Pkwy, 78258

*Bitters & Nelson Gardens Brush Recycling Centers will accept Christmas trees for free throughout the month of January. Mulch will be available for free at all 17 locations, while supplies last.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Word Search Puzzle

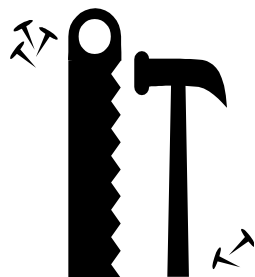
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January 2nd (Tuesday)

4:00p-5:00p Lego Time

Come be creative with Legos!

Recommended for school-age children.

Please note: Lego creations must stay at the library.

January 6th (Monday)

6:30p Monday Evening Book Club

Discussion of the book *The Girls of Atomic City*
by Denise Kiernan

January 23rd (Thursday)

2:00p Monday Evening Book Club

Discussion of the book *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

Wednesdays (Jan. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th)

5:00p Teen Time

Games, books, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13 and up.

Thursdays (Jan. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th)

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.

2014 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 pool, clubhouse 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!

In 1969, the intent of the builders was to give all of El Dorado residents a unique neighborhood with outstanding recreational facilities which in turn would serve to make El Dorado a truly special place to live. To whom much is given much is expected. The expectation was that all residents would participate in the financial upkeep of these common facilities. The builders' intent was successful, but as time went along, residents have failed on their end of the bargain to provide financial support. Even if my family does not use the facilities, it is still my responsibility to shoulder my part of the financial burden. Will you please join me and make it "our" commitment to keep El Dorado a truly unique place to call home?

2014 EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Due Date: May 1, 2014

*Your information below will **not** be shared outside EDHA, but is important to credit your membership and keep our directory accurate. It will also help us if we need to contact you with important EDHA news and events.*

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