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## Condolences

*To the family and friends of  
Walter Dovale,  
who passed away on February 13, 2014.  
He was an retired engineer and helped care  
for the lake area for years,  
as long as he was able.  
He will be missed.*

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by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**



## **P**resident's Notes By Reinette Alecozay

Happy Spring!!!!

Thanks to those of you who have already paid your membership dues! It's our neighborhood and we have a lot of land to enjoy. Thank you for sending in your dues with the form in this Sunburst!

It's that time of year to start all our spring clean up at the lake! Now that Mom's in heaven I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and doing some serious work at the lake! Many thanks to you for coming out and cleaning up our neighborhood and the grassy areas around the lake!

In this article, I wanted to express my views about streets and roads. A Washington D.C. research group (TRIP) says San Antonio's roads

are the worst among large Texas cities, with 57 percent of its major roads listed in poor or mediocre condition. That comes as no surprise to you, as we all drive through potholes in El Dorado every single day.

Who is responsible to fix our roads? The county and the state. You are paying your hard earned tax money to fix them. Did you know that we have the right to \$368M in matching state grants that WE NEED TO FIX OUR ROADS?

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**Be sure to check the April  
Sunburst for the date, time  
and location of the upcoming  
El Dorado Easter Egg Hunt.**



"A light exists in Spring  
Not present in the year  
at any other period  
When March is scarcely here."  
~ Emily Dickinson

## *Condolences*

*To the family and friends of  
Lynetta Liebenguth,  
who passed away on January 28, 2014.  
The Liebenguths moved into El Dorado  
in 1977. Mrs. Liebenguth was  
predeceased by her husband, Ed, a WWII  
veteran, and was a passionate animal  
lover, particularly cats, rescuing, caring  
for and "trapping, neutering and  
releasing" feral cats back into the  
population.*

*"I believe that how we treat animals  
indicates how we will treat people,"  
said Lynetta in a 2008 interview.  
Amen.*

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## Northeast Side Clean Up Group

Hello Neighbors,

My name is Josh Mann; I am a long-time resident of El Dorado. The Northeast side is my home and also a vibrant and growing part of the city and we would like to help maintain its beauty. My friend Danielle Cunningham has started The Northeast Side Cleanup Group. Our initial aim is to devote at least one Saturday a month to cleaning up areas on the Northeast side that are in need of some attention. We will be contacting local businesses as well as other community groups, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops in the area, in hopes that they will get involved as well. Growing up I was a Cub/Boy Scout and one of the most important lessons I learned was that community service is a vital ingredient in a strong community. Volunteering and community service help bring neighbors together, it creates friendships, and in turn you are building a better place to live.

We would like to invite everyone to join our group. Danielle has created a Facebook Group page, [Northeast Side Clean Up](#); and we have linked it to

the EDHA Facebook page as well. The Northeast Side is a large area and we hope to reach as many neighborhoods as possible; so we encourage everyone to take a look at the page, make suggestions on areas that are in need of cleaning, spread the word, and hopefully join us in our efforts. Our first endeavor is scheduled for March 1; we will be working along Thousand Oaks Dr, from The HEB to the Thousand Oaks Branch Library. We are coordinating with HEB and hoping that they will join us for the cleanup effort. If you have a suggestion or a question, please contact us through the Facebook page or via email. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Remember – We Volunteer Because We Live Here!

Josh Mann  
Northeast Side Clean Up  
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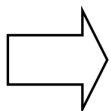
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**This is the tentative schedule for the upcoming pool season. We will continue to keep you updated. Hope to see you there!**

**2014 Schedule  
El Dorado Pool  
Regular Season: June 7 - August 24**

**PHOTO ID'S ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO THE POOL.  
THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

**PRE-SEASON HOURS**

The pool will open for Memorial Day Weekend: May 24-26  
Supervised Swim Only - Hours 2:00pm - 7:00pm

**REGULAR SEASON HOURS**

**Mondays** - Closed for Maintenance

**Tuesday-Thursday**

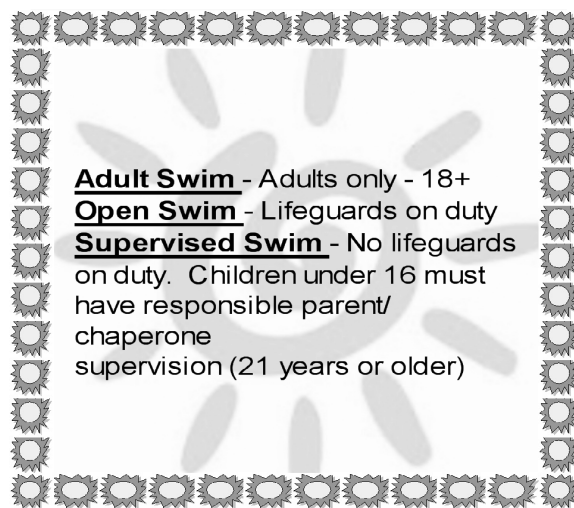
12:00pm-1:00pm	Adult Swim
3:00pm-6:00pm	Open Swim
6:00pm-8:00pm	Supervised Swim
8:00pm-10:00pm	Swim Team

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

12:00pm-1:00pm	Adult Swim
2:00pm-5:00pm	Open Swim
5:00pm-7:00pm	Supervised Swim

**Water Aerobics**

Friday & Saturday	11:00am
Sunday	7:00pm



**POST-SEASON HOURS**

After school starts, the pool will be open on Labor Day Week-end:  
August 30 - September 1  
Supervised Swim Only - Hours 2:00pm-7:00pm

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

**POOL RULES ARE POSTED AT THE POOL &  
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## **“Participation – that’s what’s gonna save the human race.” – Pete Seeger**

Hi, neighbor.

I volunteered to write a column about gardening, nutrition, GMOs, and everything related. Whole, real foods, as they apply to wellness and health is a passion of mine, and I hope that I can help start a conversation about growing our own food, creating and sustaining a community garden(s) in our area, and also bringing us closer together as a community by doing so.

Nothing brings people together like food... Remember food? It was whole, individual ingredients, not already prepared meals in a box, ready to heat and eat. Maybe your folks even pulled some vegetables from their own garden when you were a kid. We, as a whole, have gotten so far removed from our food and sources that some people don’t even know where their food really comes from, what it takes to get that food from farm to plate, or even how their meat is treated and raised – or where it was raised, for that matter. Do you know if the beef you buy was fed a diet of grains and corn meal, antibiotics, and steroids, or was it pastured raised and grass fed with no hormones or drugs? Do you know if the vegetables you eat were sprayed with a myriad of toxins so dangerous that farmers have to wear hazmat suits and respirators to walk among them, or were they grown organically, with care and attention? All of this matters.

When I was a kid in the 70s, we still ate real food. As the 80s came in and life got busier, more households had both parents working jobs to keep the American Dream alive. Food became faster and more processed in the 80s and continued in that direction until we started buying most of our food in boxes; prepared meals from the freezer section; or meals that were picked up in a drive thru on the way home from work. Think back to the time when we ate real, whole foods, and compare it to what we eat now – which isn’t really food, but food-like substances... Notice that the change in our food system has also been reflected in the change in our health - how many people now struggle with diseases like fibromyalgia, diabetes, and cancer, versus how many had those illnesses 30 years ago? 40 years ago? 50 years ago? Of course environment, genetics, and lifestyle certainly factor into the equation, but some of those things we cannot change. What we CAN change is what we choose to put into our bodies. The food we eat can either be the strongest form of medicine or the slowest form of poison.

It is a sad state we are in health-wise, due to a lot of what we are putting into our bodies, albeit unknowingly. Our food supply over the decades has gone from garden fresh to fresh forever, and it’s what they put in our foods to keep them “fresh” that is killing us. Along with preservatives, additives, and questionable ingredients (beaver poop makes strawberry flavoring, did you know that!?), our “food” is now chock-full of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), which are foods made in laboratories, not in nature. GMOs were created to help crops grow bigger, faster; to withstand heavy saturation of pesticides; some produce their own pesticides (Google bt toxins, Monsanto, GMOs, and glyphosate for more in-depth information). I will write more in the future on GMOs and our food supply, but I trust you will take it upon yourself to look it up and see what it’s all about in the meantime. It should concern you. You’re eating them every day. It doesn’t have to be that way.

You can choose to avoid those toxic food-like substances. You can get to know your local farmers and buy directly from them. There are CSA’s and co-ops, produce stores and farmers markets, daily and on the weekends. We can grow our own. We can grow together, share, and trade. Working together and caring for each other is what it’s going to take to get our country back on track, and this is a great place to start – with family, friends, and neighbors. I have some ideas about where we could start a community garden in our neighborhood. Maybe you do, too. Let’s talk about it, and see what we can do, shall we? Peace.

Danielle Cunningham  
dc@shortwave.net

### **Some of my favorite places to buy produce:**

Straight From the Crate - 904 Pat Booker Rd,  
Universal City

Sprouts - Nacogdoches, just inside 410  
Southside:

Chicho Boys, 1631 S Laredo St

### **Farmer’s Markets:**

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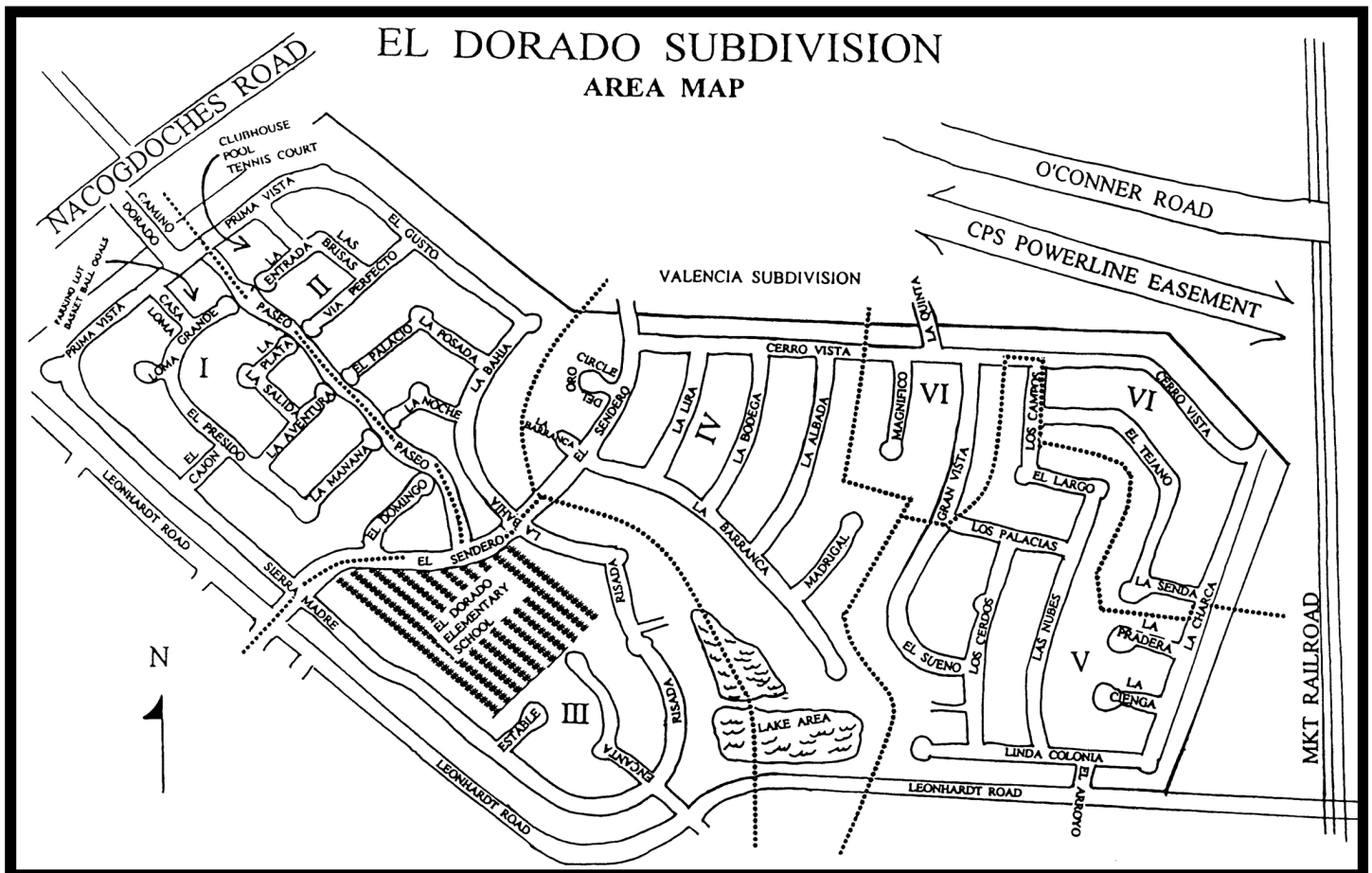
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## Landscaping/Gardening Tips

### Jack Eli, Little Leaf Grounds Services

March is the traditional start of spring in the San Antonio area. Here's hoping it is a wet one. It is also a busy time for gardeners.

If you haven't cut back the freeze damaged perennials, now is the time to do it. Cut back to green wood on woody perennials and cut to ground level on the others, such as Lantanas for example. After cutting back your perennials it is also a great time to mulch around them.

As cool as the weather has been you still have a little time to apply a pre-emergent, if you haven't yet, but try to get it down as soon as possible for it to be fully effective. It is still too early to apply fertilizer, you should wait until the first week of April. Use a fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio and it should be a slow release formulation.

Mowing the lawn for the first time takes place just when you see the first green shoots. You can lower your mower as much as half an inch for the first cut. Spring is also the best time to aerate and top dress your lawn. Be sure to use a dressing that is washed sand and compost. The washed sand removes any clay which the San Antonio area soils already have more than enough of.

Annual flowers for color should be available at local nurseries so go take a look. Most of the varieties available now will not make it through our hot summers but you can get several months of good color. Summer annuals usually become available in late April or early May depending on species.

Your onions should already be in the garden. If not, you need to hurry. The first week of March is a great time to plant tomatoes. Be sure to mulch well.



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**Welcome! Welcome!**

There has been a lot of coming and going throughout the neighborhood over the last year.

El Dorado Homes Association Board of Directors and members would like to welcome to the neighborhood:

Mr. and Mrs. Tease and Family

Ms. Magna

Mr. and Mrs. Alvarado

Mr. and Mrs. Easterling

Mr. Chaves and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Coronado and Family

Mr. Mayeda and Family

Mrs. Lugo and Family

Mr. Rohde and Family

We look forward to getting to know you all! See you at the clubhouse!



**Thousand Oaks Branch Library**

**March 2014**

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**207-9190**

**Hours of Operation**

**Mon. & Wed. 12-8p**

**Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)**

**6.30p Monday Evening Book Club**

Discussion of the book *One Second After* by William R. Forstchen

**March 6<sup>th</sup> (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.

**March 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

**10.30a Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

**2:00p Thursday Book Club**

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

**Wednesdays (March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**5:00p Teen Time**

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

**Thursdays (March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**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.

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- ◆ 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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