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at 9 AM!
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December 14th
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Condolences

To the family of Wayne Bates. He and wife, Ann, have been longtime supporters of the El Dorado community.

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!

Lake Cleanup is on!

Please join us on the 2nd. Saturday each month* at 9a.m. until 11a.m. from November to April.

We start at the Risada side of the Lake at the Picnic Table and provide: work gloves, trash bags, water, camaraderie and infinite appreciation!

Meet your neighbors as we walk in grass, step in mud and enjoy a beautiful fall morning together. We will check on our new Ducks, see our Turtles, Cranes, Blue Herons and Egrets! Wear waterproof footwear if you can.

Bring the kids! Get them involved in the lake ecology *and* community service with this ***extremely necessary project***. It's up to us to keep our lake clean.

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CURB STENCILING

Have your address professionally stenciled on to your curb in high contrast black and white. It looks great and makes your property easy to identify in case of an emergency. Simply drop or mail your $20 check to EDHA, Attn: Stencil, 12606 Prima Vista, SA, TX 78233. (Please indicate for: "Stencil" on your check.)

President's Notes

By Reinette King

Hi, Special One!

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

We have had some fantastic times lately! The community garden group has brought together many talented neighbors who are excited and full of great ideas! Many thanks to each of you who participated in the planning meetings! A very special thank you to Dr Lauren Curtis who stayed late to help Zanel and me put together the budget to be submitted to Green Spaces Alliance. We couldn't have done it without you! I learned so very much that night! Green Spaces Alliance will vote on our application on December 7. I can hardly wait until the El Dorado Community Garden gets funding and the gardeners (and even me, such a greenhorn) can begin work! I have so many seeds that I may need to lease two plots! I'm excited that many of you can teach me so much! In addition, Green Spaces will also provide our group a mentor!

Remember our annual Breakfast with Santa will be Dec 5 at the Clubhouse at 9 AM, and the Christmas lighting contest will be the second weekend in December, so prepare for some fun!

There will not be any late fees for membership dues in 2016! The General Membership fee will increase only one dollar to $90 for the 2016 and the Pool Membership fee will increase only five dollars to $175 for the year. The membership year runs from 1 May – 30 April. How about that good news!

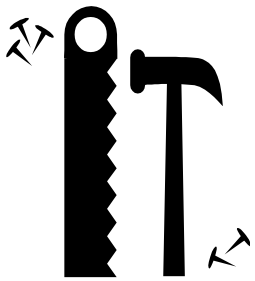
The Clubhouse rental will increase only five dollars to an even $200/day effective January 1, 2016. The El Dorado Clubhouse rents at an extremely low price as comparable venues in our area charge anywhere from $475 to $3000. Have you seen our new carpet and new blinds in the front window? Those were both donated! Do you have a generous board or what?

Have you seen the new Senior Center at 4135 Thousand Oaks? It is a beauty! If you are 60 or older, come enjoy all the amenities and services!

Remember to patronize our amazing advertisers and tell them you saw their ad in the Sunburst!

When we put others first and consider their future and well being above our own is when we find our greatest joy. Let's reach out to a neighbor and show kindness.

To each reader, we wish you a very safe and blessed Holiday Season! Know you are loved!



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Do all you can do to be a winner this year!

1st Place:
$75 toward 2016 Maintenance Fee
2nd Place:
$50 toward 2016 Maintenance Fee
3rd Place:
$25 toward 2016 Maintenance Fee

Please be sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street!

COURTESY CORNER

Heads up for our residents who may not be aware:

1. Parking in the wrong direction on the street is a traffic violation. The police can write a ticket for those in violation. It takes little effort to correct so PLEASE don't waste your money.
2. For our safety, the city requires that all residents have house numbers visible from the curb. In case of emergency, we surely want to be found! You can stay in code by applying the numbers yourself or you can support an ongoing EDHA fundraiser. For $20.00, volunteers will paint your numbers curbside. Just send money, name and address to EDHA, 126O6 Prima Vista and, like magic, your numbers will appear!

Thank you for your support.

Our good neighbors in Valencia invite you to subscribe to their email distribution list to receive timely updates from VHOA regarding happenings in the neighborhood and other important information that affects us all.
Please email Ed Alexander at ed.alexander13318@att.net to add yourself to his email list.

FOOTPRINTS

Tribute To Art Garza

Some people walk through life and barely stir up the dust. Others leave big footprints that last decades. Art Garza has left well defined footprints.

El Dorado was fortunate when the Garza family, in 1970, chose to make their home here. Art served on the EDHA board and on committees. He was a great help on project management or whatever he was needed.

While serving El Dorado, Art was active with District 10 senior affairs. He served as chairman of District 10 Senior Committee. One of his priorities was for us to have a nice Senior Center. Art never wavered and today we have that Senior Center. Its location on the corner of Thousand Oaks and Scarsdale makes it very convenient for our residents. Go. Enjoy. Be thankful.

It is the people who have passed through before us that have made El Dorado a great neighborhood. As residents, it is our responsibility to "carry on," so that past efforts are not for naught.

Thank you Art Garza for your dedication and service to your community and the city.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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CURBS

HELLO El Dorado residents! Did you know there is a San Antonio City ordinance that reads as follows?:
"Sidewalks and Curbs
How about the sidewalk and curb area right in front of your home? This area is considered city right-of-way, used for public passage and for the installation of curbs, sidewalks and utilities. However, it's the responsibility of the adjacent homeowner to keep the right of way free of obstructions including any type of debris, grass and weeds, and other plants that impede the passage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This includes weeds growing out of the sidewalk or curb, that are along the street pavement. In addition, the correction of major cracks and unlevel surfaces along the sidewalk is also the responsibility of the property owner.

PLEASE HELP KEEP EL DORADO BEAUTIFUL

El Dorado Animal Hospital
13039 Nacogdoches Road • San Antonio, Texas 78217

Dr. Dennis McIntosh

For Appointments
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www.eldoradoanimalhospitalsa.com

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Thousand Oaks Branch Library
December 2015
4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.
207-9190

San Antonio Public LIBRARY
mysapl.org

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

December 1st (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.

December 5th (Saturday)
10:00a-3:00p
Friends of the Library Book Sale
Come on by for great bargains! Books, CD's, DVD's, Audio Books and special deals. Support the Thousand Oaks Library Friends.

December 7th (Monday)
5:00p-7:00p Jingle Bell Jubilee
All children must be accompanied by an adult. Kids of all ages will be ringing and singing, meeting and greeting, dancing and prancing at the Jingle Bell Jubilee! Join us for some holiday fun at the Thousand Oaks Library.

December 12th (Saturday)
11:00a Veteran's History Program
The Veteran's History Project is your chance to record and share your service experiences with future generations. We will record your story and send it to the Library of Congress to be cataloged and placed in their Veteran's History Digital Library. We will provide all of the necessary paperwork and media, all you need to provide is your story.
Contact the Thousand Oaks Library to reserve your spot.
Limited space is available.

Wednesdays (Dec. 2nd, 9th and 16th)
5:00p Teen Time
Games, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13 and up.

Thursdays (Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th)
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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Hi Neighbors!

Let's talk trash! Yesterday's Lake clean up was a handful.

We accumulated lots of litter over these past weeks and the heavy rains last week brought it all to the shores of our beautiful lake haven here in our backyards. Don't be spooked by the photos; but DO be annoyed that our lake & meadow are being marred by all of the litter. We cleared & cleaned what we could reach, and then cut down some saplings to get closer access where we could. (Thank you John & Mark Easterling) Unfortunately, we came across a wide variety of refuse, from a baby doll to a sleeping bag, empty bottles & cans. Even clothing and trash bags.

It can be beautiful with more help from anyone willing to chip on for just an hour or two at the next clean up.

Please join us. It costs nothing and the reward is knowing that we won't allow our community to be neglected. The Ducks and Turtles will love us for it! It's a great feeling of accomplishment to see how quickly and easily we can make a difference!!

That was yesterday.

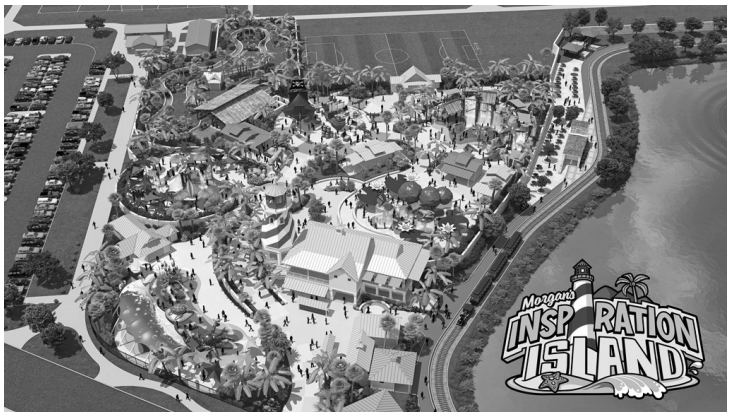
This morning we spotted discarded plastic and two empty paper cups at the picnic table ALREADY!! Now, we all know that was no accident. (Deep Sigh Here) Please remember that we do these clean ups as a labor of love and completely on a volunteer basis. That was a very discouraging sight for us. NO More! Ok??

WE can make this happen.

We will be installing wire refuse bins in the hopes that this will encourage everyone to use THEM instead of the grass & water. Let's make a deal: Please help leave the lake area better than you find it. Talk to your families and bring it up to your neighbors. As the song goes: "Let's give 'em something to talk about."

I PROMISE you'll feel great about it. Thanks in advance for pitching in!
I hope to see more of us there for the December clean up! (P.S. We're a pretty fun group)

-Suzanne Wayne



By Diana Winters - Producer, KSAT12

SAN ANTONIO - A splashing good time is coming soon to local families. On Tuesday morning, Morgan's Wonderland unveiled its water park expansion. During a special groundbreaking ceremony, Gordon Hartman, chairman of The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation, said the multi-million-dollar addition would be the world's first ultra-accessible splash park.

"Those who have special needs and those who don't have special needs would join together and play," Hartman said. "But those who may have a special need, whether it be physical or cognitive, will be able to enjoy every element of this park. There will be no limitations."

Dubbed Morgan's Inspiration Island, the water park is scheduled to open to the public in spring of 2017.

"It will take some time to build this because there's so much we have to do underground before we even come out of the ground," Hartman said.

The park will feature a river boat ride, which will be designed with people confined to wheelchairs in mind; temperature-controlled splash areas; and camouflaged ramps for people who use walkers.

Morgan's Wonderland is the world's first theme park designed specifically for the inclusion of people with special needs and people without special needs alike. The park is at 5223 David Edwards Drive, at the intersection of Wurzbach Parkway and Thousand Oaks Drive.

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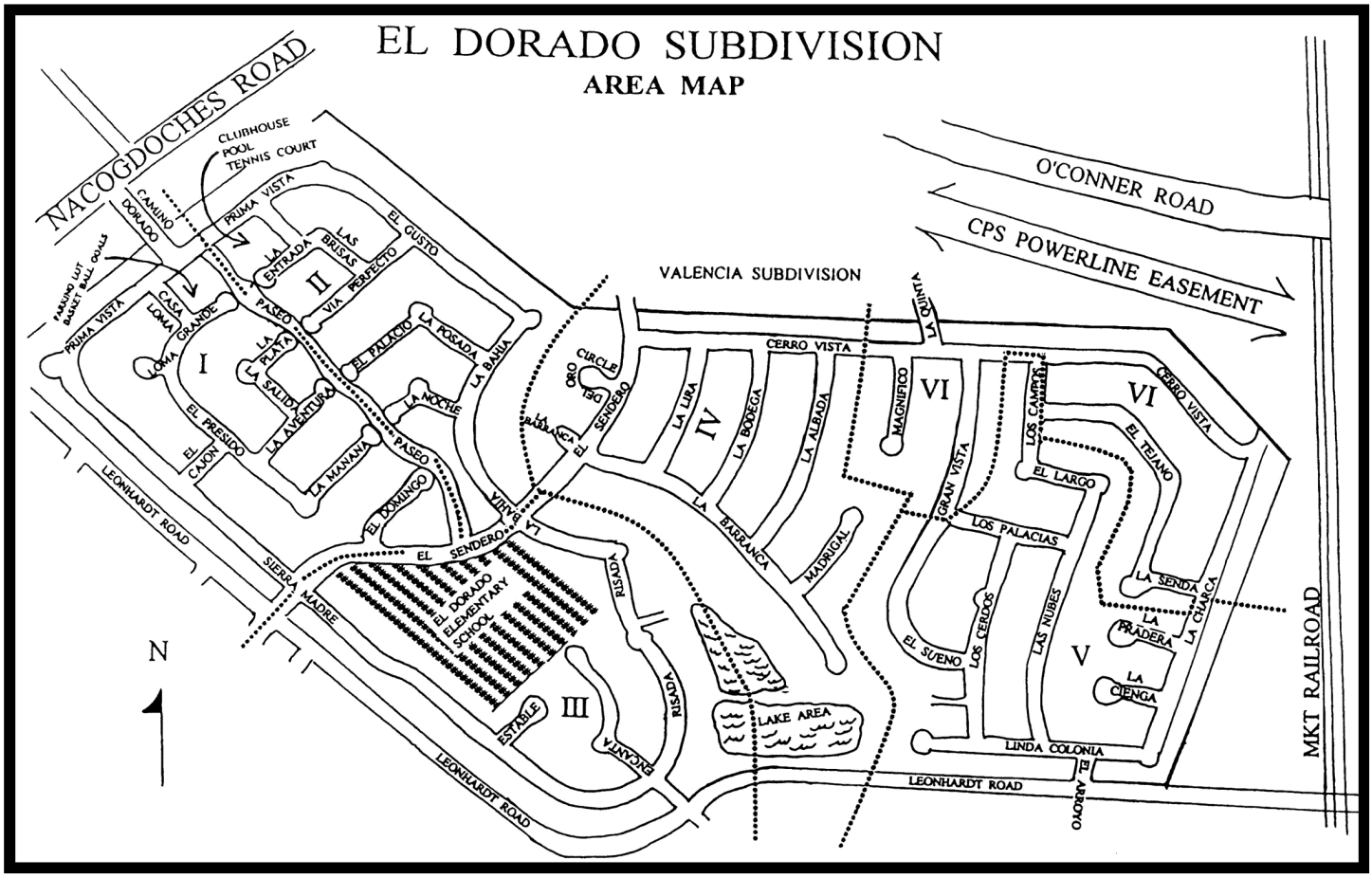
- **Thursday, Dec. 24 collection moves to Wednesday, Dec. 23.**
- **Thursday, Dec. 31 collection moves to Wednesday, Dec. 30**

CLOSED: All bulky waste collection centers, brush centers and the household hazardous waste facilities will be closed Dec. 25 - 27 & Jan. 1. City offices will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 3.

The owners of Bin There Dump That have recently joined the El Dorado Community and would like to introduce you to a cleaner, safer, more compact way to dispose of construction, remodeling and household debris.



What is a community garden good for?

- to bring the community together, get to know your neighbors
- to exercise, to get sunshine & vitamin D
- for good mental health - nothing fixes stress, anxiety, or depression like gardening
- to help the environment (no pesticides)
- to boost the immune system by digging in the soil
- to teach children where produce comes from and how to grow their own food
- to grow your own food and nourish your body with vegetables, herbs, fruits, and nuts direct from your community garden

"If kids plant kale, kids eat kale." - Ron Finley (Look up his TED talk if you don't know who he is. We, as a nation, are sicker than we have ever been, and it is largely due to the *food-like substances* we eat every day. It's time to get back to food the way nature intended it to be - fresh, whole, alive. Because real food doesn't have ingredients, real food *IS* ingredients. Are you with me!? All are welcome.

If you're interested in joining - really, anyone who eats should be - call or email today. We need you now! Danielle 210-380-2473 or info@seriousmedia.net or Zanel 210-425-5840 or zarielylizmaria@gmail.com. Together, we can take charge of our wellness and bring awareness - and food - to our 'hood and families. Peace!