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OCTOBER 2017

# SUNBURST



**National Night Out**

**October 3rd**

On the first Tuesday of every October, San Antonio comes together for “National Night Out.” The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and communities and to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Community Watch groups. National Night Out began simply with neighbors turning on their porch lights and sitting in front of their homes to meet their neighbors. For this year, on October 3, 2017, the El Dorado Homes Association would like to return to that tradition. We invite anyone interested to reach out to their neighbors and coordinate a “block party” for their street. Again, it can be something as simple as inviting your neighbors to turn on their lights, sit on their front porch, and visit a little with each other at an agreed time. Or it can be a party in your front yard. It’s entirely up to you.

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- **Yoga on Monday; at 10 a.m.**
- **Walk/Run Club Thursday; at 7 p.m.**

- 3rd National Night Out**
- 9th EDHA Meeting 7 p.m.**
- 9th Columbus Day**
- 28th Z’s Carnival**
- 31st Halloween**



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY EZRA JOHNSON

Hello Neighbors,

I enjoyed meeting everyone who came out to enjoy our Member Appreciation Day event at the pool last month. It was a great pleasure to see so many of you come out to be with us on such short notice. I want to thank our EDHA board members and the members of the pool committee who did so much to make the party a success. I am excited about the growing strength of our organization. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to enjoy the facilities that your membership entitles you to access and to meet your neighbors.

Speaking of meeting your neighbors, on the evening of October 3rd, we are encouraging everyone to turn on their lights and sit out on their porch for National Night Out. The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and communities and to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Community Watch groups. National Night Out began simply with residents turning on their porch lights and sitting in front of their homes to meet their neighbors. For this year, EDHA would like to return to that tradition. We invite anyone interested to reach out to their neighbors and coordinate a "block party" for their street. There is also a National Night Out event planned by the El Dorado Elementary PTA. Keep a sharp look-out for their signs with additional information.

On October 9th at 7:00pm, EDHA will be having their 46th Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse. I would like to invite all of our members (and anyone who would like to become a member), to attend. Our new councilperson Clayton Perry and staff from Mayor Ron Nirenberg's office will be in attendance to meet with you and talk about city issues. If you have any concerns about city services or maintenance, this will be your chance to go straight to the source. There will be door prizes given out during the election of our new board members from Areas I, III, V, VI and our new secretary. I hope to see everyone there.

There will be one other matter to discuss with you at the General Meeting. The EDHA relies on membership and rental fees to pay the maintenance costs for the fourteen acres of common area within El Dorado. As membership rates have declined over the years, our shrinking revenues have been focused more and more on keeping the entrances, paseo, pool and clubhouse in top-notch shape. Even that is starting to become a challenge. Without a significant number of new memberships, we are no longer able to afford the maintenance and upkeep of the thirteen-acre lake area. As a result, we have entered into preliminary discussions with the City of San Antonio to accept a donation of this land for the purpose of creating a public park. I want to get your feedback about this process and give everyone an opportunity to share their concerns. This would be a very significant decision, but I am confident that we can revitalize the lake, lift a heavy burden from our shoulders, and protect the integrity of the neighborhood all at the same time.

I look forward to visiting with you soon and meeting our challenges together,

Ezra

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## **A Heartfelt Thank You to Conrad Boeck**

**From a grateful community**

Throughout its history, El Dorado has had some wonderful residents who have answered the call of this community when asked. These special individuals have helped keep El Dorado the thriving, active, and preferred neighborhood that it is today. One such person is Conrad Boeck.

Effective September 30, 2017, Conrad will be resigning from the El Dorado Homes Association Board after many years of faithful and distinguished service. He feels it is time for some of the younger residents to step into leadership roles and is looking forward to spending more time with family. Over the years, Conrad has devoted endless hours to the EDHA for the improvement of our neighborhood. In addition to his many years as our area VI representative, Conrad has also served as president of the EDHA and has recently stepped in as vice president while the office of president was vacant. Conrad is also the keeper of our database of member information, an important job, which he has agreed to continue to do. Our neighborhood has benefited greatly from Conrad's financial expertise and willingness to spend the time to research and report to the board on the best insurance policies required for EDHA property or the most competitive bids for work the neighborhood has needed done. He has overseen the operation and repair of our sprinkler systems and dealt with the San Antonio Water System, making sure that our water bills are correct and as low as possible. Over the years, Conrad has often been the one taking care of emergency issues affecting our common neighborhood property. On top of all this, he even delivers the *Sunburst to his street!*

Conrad is a wonderful neighbor and friend and a faithful supporter of the EDHA. He has been a respected and valued leader and member of the EDHA since the early years of the neighborhood. Conrad, you will be sorely missed as a board member! Your neighbors will surely count on your continued support and advice even as you step down from the board. Thank you very much for your outstanding service to El Dorado!



### **New Clubhouse Rental Policy**

**Effective October 1, 2017**

To maintain consistency in cleaning and to ensure you receive a fresh clubhouse every time you rent it, a professional cleaner will be hired. The new hours of rental will be from noon until 2 AM. Starting Oct 1, 2017 for persons who do not already have fully paid contracts for rental, the rent will be \$340.00 and no cleaning deposit will be paid. The \$300 security/damage deposit will still be collected which is refundable. The renter will remove decorations, food and all trash from the premises inside and out. The hired cleaner will sweep, mop, vacuum, clean counters, fridge, stove, microwave, sinks, toilets and windows. Rental contracts paid in full before Oct 1 under the old rules will be grandfathered in. Thank you for your patience and understanding

## Thank you!

Thank you to those who joined the El Dorado Homes Association! Because of your contributions we can better maintain our neighborhood amenities.

It's not too late if you have not yet joined. Just fill in the membership form below and send it and the check to the address mentioned.

### 2017 EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are paying for a POOL MEMBERSHIP, please provide OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AT THIS ADDRESS, and children's ages:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Also, if you are going to be a pool member, please read and sign the following: I have read and understand the pool rules, and acknowledge that failure by me, my family members or my guests to follow these rules may result in suspension of pool use. I understand that EDHA is not responsible for any injury or accident incurred by anyone inside the pool area, and I hereby absolve EDHA and its officers of any liability. I have listed all family members who reside at my address.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ezra, Reinette, Zanel, Lauren Margaret, Conrad, and Lola** for writing so many articles  
The Sunburst would not exist without you!

**Sandra Carroll**

Thank you for organizing the best Members' Appreciation Party ever! Thank you for your smooth management of the pool and for helping make El Dorado a better place to live.

**Kelly Adame**

Kudos to Kelly for her expert management of the pool and pool parties and for being such a great team player.

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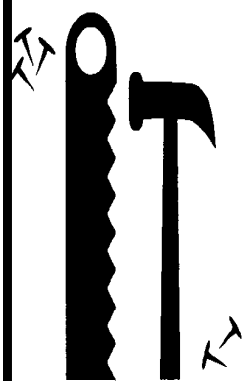
## THANK YOU, LOLA OLSMITH

**Lola Olsmith, our rock on the EDHA Board, is stepping down as Secretary of our organization. She has generously offered to continue helping the new Secretary and the Board with her advice and some other behind-the-scenes activities, and will continue temporarily as Membership Chairperson. We will very much miss her presence on the front lines of our El Dorado organization.**

**Lola has been an amazing help and strength to our board over the years. Using her organization and leadership skills that she had honed as an officer in the Army, she has been a wonderful force for our neighborhood. With her quiet and patient talents, she has accepted many needed jobs over the years on our El Dorado Board, including President, Secretary, Maintenance Fee Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson (and probably some more that I have missed). She has been our Secretary of the Board for an amazing 15 years... probably a record!!**

**In addition to all the offices she has held on the Board, she volunteers and helps in many other El Dorado activities, some of which the residents see, and many that are necessary but invisible to the homeowners. She is a wonderful example of an intelligent, friendly, and helpful member of our organization, and a great neighbor to our whole neighborhood.**

**We truly appreciate Lola for all that she has done (and most likely, all that she will continue to do). Lola, you are very special, and we thank you very much!**



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- Games for everyone!



## El Dorado Wants You! Volunteers Needed

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## EDHA MEETING

**Monday**

**October 9th**

**7 p.m.**

**El Dorado Clubhouse**

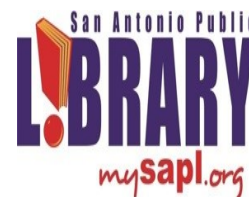
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**Thousand Oaks Branch Library****4618 Thousand Oaks Dr. 210-207-9190****Saturday 3:00 p.m. & Sunday 1:00 p.m. (October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)****Escape The Oaks**

It is the end of the world and you are locked in a library meeting room. The only way to unlock the door is by using your wits. Can you escape The Oaks?!?

**Monday (October 30<sup>th</sup>)****4:30p – 5:30p Halloween Party**

Bring the family for some spooky fun! Come and enjoy crafts and snacks at this family friendly Halloween party!

**Monday (October 9<sup>th</sup>)****6:00p-7:00p Wii Dance Party**

We are hosting a dance party! Come play Just Dance 2017 on the Nintendo Wii. All ages are welcome.

**Monday (October 16<sup>th</sup>)****6:00p-7:00p Young Adult Game Night**

Adults 18-30 are invited to come game at the library. The Nintendo Wii U will be out with Super Smash Brothers along with a whole assortment of tabletop games.

**Saturday (October 21<sup>st</sup>)****11:00a-12:00a DIY Holiday Gifts**

It's never too early to get some Holiday gifts out of the way. Join us in making fun and thoughtful presents for friends and family. This month we will be making string art and DIY jewelry.

**Thursday (October 19<sup>th</sup>)****2:00p Thousand Oaks Book Club**

Read and discuss the book The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood

. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

**Wednesdays (October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)****4p-5p Tween Time**

Tweens kids 8-12, are invited to participate in crafts, games and other fun activities.

**Wednesdays (October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)****5:00p-7:00p Teen Time**

Games, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13-18.

**Thursdays (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)****Toddler Time & Story time**

**10:30a** Toddlers actively participate in stories, music and movement enhancing their social, emotional and language development. Recommended for children 18 to 36 months.

**11:15a** Preschoolers enjoy stories and songs that develop early

literacy skills and foster curiosity. Recommended for three to five year olds.

**Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)****10:30a-11:15a Baby Time**

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Yoga

Every Monday we have a Gentle Yoga class at the Clubhouse that starts at 10 a.m. Bring your own mat.

- EDHA members pay \$10.00 per session
- Non-Members pay \$12.00 per session

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### Los Neighbors

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Volunteers hard at work at the El Dorado Community Garden work-day on September 16, 2017.

Won't you join us the next time we have an event?

### EL DORADO COMMUNITY GARDEN

The El Dorado Community Garden had a fabulous workday Sep 16. We are so grateful to every single one of you who came out to help! Many young folks from our neighborhood and from Ed White Middle School were there with their parents. Many of you adults came and worked very hard. You pulled grass and weeds out of beds and placed them into the compost bins. You shoveled mulch into wheelbarrows and then spread it onto trees and beds. You sawed limbs off the hackberry trees that invade our community garden. You planted beautiful colorful flowers into the community beds. You reset bricks to beautify and set off the lovely trees. You swept the sidewalk and stairs, leaving the area near the cul de sac beautiful. You watered the beds. You beautified the garden and prepared beds to rent. The Garden sold several vegetable plants to visitors who came for that specific reason.

Many thanks to Lauren Curtis, for her leadership and countless hours of hard work! We are grateful to Zanel for preparing ahead and planning such a pleasant workday with water and fresh fruit. Be sure to email Lauren Curtis at [lutsenlo@juno.com](mailto:lutsenlo@juno.com) if you wish to rent a bed.

Students get credit for community service for working in the garden on a community garden workday. If you know of students who wish to earn credit, please invite them to join us at our future garden work days or email Zanel with their contact information! Also, coming soon will be Kids Garden Workshops and S'mores Night!! Watch the signs in the neighborhood, the El Dorado Community Garden Face book page, or stay in touch with Zanel Pizarro at 210-425-5840 by text or email her at [zarielylizmaria@gmail.com](mailto:zarielylizmaria@gmail.com).

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