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April

1st—April Fool's Day

14th — Palm Sunday

15th —Tax Day

19th —Good Friday

21st —Easter Sunday

May

5th —Cinco de Mayo

12th—Mother's Day

18th—Armed Forces
Day

27th—Memorial Day

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Ezra Johnson

Dear Neighbors,

The Sunburst is back!! Thank you to our former editor, Michael Navarro, for all of your work over the past year, and thank you to Nora Chavez for agreeing to take over. It's a huge job.

The Sunburst is one of the most important services EDHA provides to our neighborhood. But it is very expensive to publish 800 hard copies for 11 months out of each year. Please consider becoming a member so that we can continue providing this service. Our membership year begins May 1st.

Did you know that there are other ways to stay on top of the latest events in El Dorado? All events are posted on our sign boards at the entrances to the subdivision about a week in advance due to the tireless efforts of Margaret Timm. Join our Facebook page for the latest updates. Become a member, and we will email you notices and invites right to your inbox.

Don't forget that city elections for Mayor and City Council District 10 are ongoing. Election Day is May 4th.

Pool season is just around the corner. This year's pool schedule can be found in this edition of the Sunburst. Please join EDHA today to enjoy the full benefits of pool membership!

Sincerely,

Ezra A. Johnson

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Pool Days Coming Soon!



With all these recent cold snaps it's hard to remember that summer is just around the corner! It's exciting to see all the returning memberships coming in. Thank you for your faithful support to our neighborhood! We need you to talk to your friends and neighbors and get them to join too! It takes A LOT to keep the pool going and those of us who use it don't want to lose it like so many neighborhoods around us. The last few summers at the pool have been fantastic ones and we want to keep it going with more events to enjoy! **The pool will be open Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday 2:00- 7:00 PM for FAMILY SWIM ONLY. NO LIFEGUARDS on duty. Kids 14 years and under must be accompanied by an adult who can swim.** The pool opens for the summer on Saturday, June 8th, 1:30 – 7:00. Schedule and hours in Sunburst and on Facebook.

NEW- After quite a bit of research, **we are changing pool hours to open at 1:30 pm.** Our sign in sheets from the last 3 years show the majority of folks do not get to the pool till right around 2:00pm but then it starts hopping! It will save a bit of money each week to not pay a Gatekeeper or Lifeguard to sit at an empty pool. Thank you for understanding. By the way.....**WE ARE LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS.** Please have them contact us for an application.

As always, you may text or call me (Sandra) or Kelly Adame for pool related questions. We both work and can't always answer right away. Just leave a message and allow us some time (24 to 48 hours) to get back to you. We promise we will! Also, please **like us on Facebook @El Dorado Homes Association.** Special pool news, events, weather related updates, and such are posted there. If the weather is looking sketching, check FB before heading to the pool. We will post updates often. It's a tricky call sometimes but safety is the priority. If there is thunder or lightening everyone must get out and away from the pool for 30 minutes after the thunder or lightening. The count starts over if it happens again. On the 3rd time, the pool closes for the day. But again, check FB. If the storm passes quickly and it's still early in the day, the pool may reopen. Thank you, Texas for the little weather surprises!

Thank you for your help in keeping the pool area clean. We could always use a helping hand and welcome anyone who'd like to help us out by joining the pool committee! We hope you have a great summer with your family and friends at our little oasis. See ya at the pool!

Pool Chairpersons: Sandra Carroll (210)725-8549, Kelly Adame (210)846-7777

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.

2019 EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return by May 1, 2019

*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: _____

PLEASE CHECK WHETHER YOU ARE PAYING FOR GENERAL OR FULL POOL:

☐ **General Membership/Maintenance Fee \$90.00** ☐

☐ **Full Pool Membership/Maintenance Fee \$175.00** ☐

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: _____

Note: If you **DO NOT** want your name published in the Sunburst (as a paid members), please initial here _____

(Either membership fee may be split into 4 payments, but must be paid in full prior to use of facilities.)

Please return this form with payment (cash or check) to:

**El Dorado Homes Association
12606 Prima Vista
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You can now pay your membership fees online with PayPal!

Send PayPal payments to EIDoSub@gmail.com

Please also separately e-mail this form to the same e-mail address if you use PayPal

Check out Facebook for any changes or special events!

@eldoradohomesassociation



WEEKDAYS

GUEST FEE \$ 4.00 ea.

MONDAY - ~~CLOSED~~ FOR MAINTAINANCE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

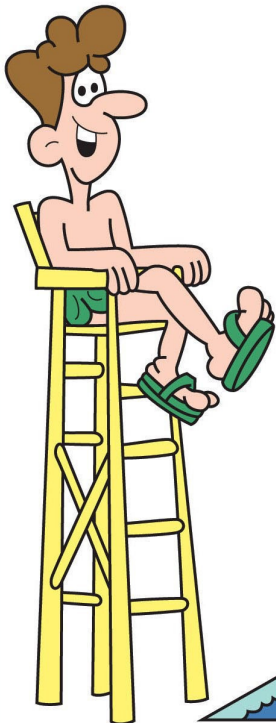
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - ADULT SWIM (18 AND UP)

1:30 PM - 7:00 PM - OPEN SWIM

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - SWIM TEAM PRACTICES (THROUGH JUNE)

*** NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS JULY 4th - AUGUST 17th ***

1:30 PM - 8:00 PM - OPEN SWIM



NOTE!

- + ADULT SWIM - 18 AND UP ONLY
- + OPEN SWIM - LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY
- + FAMILY SWIM - **NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY**. ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT 21 YEARS OR OLDER. ALL KIDS 9 YRS TO 14 YRS MUST BE WITH A GUARDIAN AT LEAST 15 YRS OLD.

NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO SWIM ALONE

LOOK

Check out Facebook for any schedule changes or special events
@eldoradohomesassociation



WEEKENDS

GUEST FEE \$4.00 ea.

Adult Swim = 18 yrs and up ONLY

Open Swim = Lifeguard on Duty

Family Swim = **NO Lifeguard on Duty**

**New Schedule
Begins July 4th - Aug 17th*

FRIDAY -

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ADULT SWIM

1:30 PM - 7:00 PM OPEN SWIM

1:30 PM * 8:00 PM BEGINING JULY 4th

SATURDAY

11:00 AM-12:00 PM ADULT SWIM

1:30 PM - 7:00 PM OPEN SWIM

1:30 PM * 8:00 PM BEGINING JULY 4th

SUNDAY - NO LIFEGUARDS

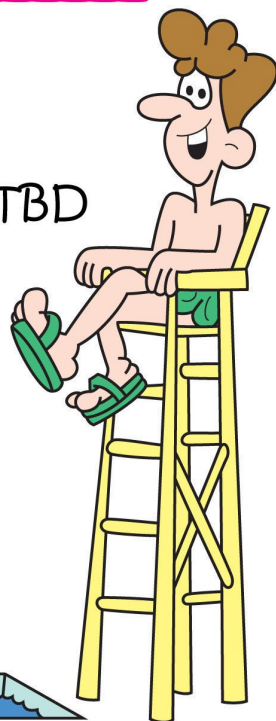
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ADULT SWIM

1:30 PM - 7:00 PM - **FAMILY SWIM ONLY**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Reserved for special class TBD

* **NOTE: ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
THE POOL MAY CLOSE AT 7:00 IF
PRIVATE PARTIES ARE BOOKED OR
IF THERE ARE NO MEMBERS PRESENT**

NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO SWIM ALONE



Nix Excuses

Stop Making These 5 Excuses if You Want to Return to School

March 22, 2019

By Monica Mizzi

If you're debating whether returning to school as an adult is really worth it, these 5 solutions to the most common excuses will have you ready to enroll. But if you're serious about continuing your education and developing yourself professionally, it's time to see those so-called reasons for what they really are- excuses. The good news is that with the right approach, you can overcome each and every one of these excuses.

Excuse: School will burn a hole in my wallet

Solution: Think of it as an investment that pays back tenfold

Money concerns are a formidable barrier if you're thinking about returning to school. When your budget is already tight, it can be difficult to justify spending even more on school fees. However, your education is one of the few investments you can make that will improve your future. You've probably heard the saying, "you have to spend money to make money", and education is the prime example. There is a clear correlation between obtaining further education and earning a higher income. Better qualifications open the door to more professional opportunities, and in turn, more earning capacity. The bottom line is that going back to school pays off.

Excuse: I can't produce money I don't have out of thin air

Solution: Shop around for an affordable course and make use of financial aid

"Alright," I hear you now say. "That all sounds peachy, but how do you suppose I'll even afford to fund my studies in the first place?" There are in fact numerous ways you can make it work financially. Search around and you'll find many colleges which offer relatively affordable degrees. No matter where you decide to go, or what degree you do, you shouldn't be shy about applying for financial aid or scholarships to help you pay for your studies. Most college websites have a section detailing information about aid and scholarships, so shop around.

Excuse: I already have no time as it is

Solution: Make a plan and get organized

"I've got no time" is a time-old excuse that is one of the toughest to crack. After all, there's no way to make more time if you don't have it, right? Wrong. If you want to go back to school, and you're time poor, there are ways to make it work. Here's where prioritizing comes into play. As reasonably as you can, make adjustments where you can, even if you don't want to. If you're lucky, it may be as simple as swapping Game of Thrones/pilates class/brunch for a date with the books. But it will probably require a bit more legwork than that. You could also consider applying for an online degree which offers both affordability and flexibility. Many online colleges allow you to set the pace you'd like to complete the degree. If you'd like to graduate as soon as possible, accelerated options are available. Conversely, if you're juggling other responsibilities, part-time or flexible hours are an option. Another major advantage to completing an online degree is that there are no face-to-face contact hours. No one will know if you're tapping away on your computer in your pajamas at home, or on your daily commute to work. Explore your options to find one that suits your particular financial and life situation.

Excuse: I'm not sure if my employer will value my Degree***Solution: Prove them wrong***

You're worried that despite all your efforts to earn a degree, your employer won't take it seriously because it comes from a non-Ivy League or lesser known college. It's understandable that you'd want your current or future employer to be impressed with your sparkling new degree, and for it to lead to new opportunities for promotion and greater earnings. Who says it won't? An increase in interest and enrollment numbers has led career colleges and online universities to continually improve the quality of their courses. Many degrees have improved to the extent that they're now of a comparable quality to those of traditional colleges. As such, the stigma from attending a career college or online degree has dramatically decreased, and continues to do so. "When you think about balancing a job and the needs of a family with school, that says a lot about the discipline of a person," says **Susan Fontana**, regional vice president of global recruiting firm, Manpower. "I think 10 years ago, you probably had a little more questioning, but it really is so much more accepted today." This positive change in the way online degrees are viewed is backed by recent research. The majority of employers will be impressed by your determination to learn and will appreciate the fresh contributions and perspectives you can make to the company. Moreover, obtaining a degree relevant to your field will allow you to meet the increasing demand by employers for employees to be proactively upskilling themselves. Being competitive in the job market is vital not only in the search for a promotion or new job, but also to maintain your current role. Any reasonable employer will recognize a degree for what it is - a representation of the hours of study you underwent to boost your knowledge, learn new skills, and bolster yourself professionally. It's time to stop underestimating how valuable your degree will be seen in the eyes of employers.

Excuse: I don't want to be seen as the token older student***Solution: Stop caring what others think and start seeing your age and experience as an asset***

You're anxious that if you head back to school, your peers will stereotype you once they see you're not fresh out of high school like them; that you'll stick out like a Billy Madison-style caricature just because you're older than the average student. Well, take a look at these stats. Enrollment numbers of older students are sizable and are projected to continue growing, so your fears are unfounded. Enrollment in postsecondary degree-granting institutions of students who are 35 years old and over increased 26% between 1997 and 2011, and it's projected that this will increase by a further 23% between 2011 and 2022. There's no shame in going back to school. Don't let immature people dissuade you from fulfilling your dream of completing your education. If you do so, the only person whose happiness and growth will suffer is your own. Instead, take a more productive approach and harness your age and experience to further your studies. People who return to school later in life bring with them years of invaluable professional and personal experience and knowledge. Don't see your experiences as a negative, use them to improve your coursework and interactions with your peers. Many colleges even account for your professional experience with credits that may allow for your workload to be reduced, or even for you to fast-track your degree. Inquire with your chosen institution how you can use your experience to your advantage.

When you find yourself slipping back to questioning if it's worth all the effort, keep your eye on your goal and remind yourself what going back will mean for you, your family, and your future. Rarely do the things we really want come to us easily. Be prepared to work hard and you'll be rewarded. People rarely regret achieving further education, so if you want it, find a way to make it work.

So what are you waiting for?

If you're reading this article, you're feeling motivated. Take action now, and nip those excuses in the bud. Use this opportunity to **search for a school** that will work with your busy schedule, and give you the flexibility and affordability you need to earn that degree.

Good luck future grad, you've got this!

<https://resumegenius.com/blog/solutions-to-returning-to-school-as-an-adult>

Posted by: Nora Chavez

Community Announcements

Join us on Facebook!

314 of your neighbors already follow EDHA on Facebook. Go to your search window on Facebook and look for El Dorado Homes Association and click "Like". EDHA often makes posts our upcoming events on Facebook, so this is a great way to keep up with your neighbors

The El Dorado Clubhouse is up for rent!

This is a reminder that our beautiful clubhouse is up for rent for all your events and special occasions. Please tell your friends and family as well, after all the more we rent out the Clubhouse the more we will be able to do in the community. For rates and availability please contact one of our Clubhouse Co-chairs. Their information can be found on page 3.

Past copies of the Sunburst are available at Neighborhoodlink.com

If you would like to go back and read past copies of the Sunburst, you can find them at www.neighborhoodlink.com/El_Dorado/newsletters. You can download just about every edition of the Sunburst since April 2009. We will continue to post each new edition at this link, in addition to the hard copy delivered to your door each month. The link will be moving soon, so keep an eye out for the next announcement.

Please Join Valencia/El Dorado on NextDoor.com.

EDHA will continue to publish the Sunburst, but NextDoor.com is a great way to communicate with your neighbors in El Dorado and around north east san Antonio. EDHA often makes posts about our upcoming events and city and county offices often post public service announcements. The Express News also posts many free articles of interest to San Antonio residents. If you don't have a NextDoor account, please go to www.nextdoor.com and enter in your street address and email address. Then follow the prompts to join Valencia/El Dorado. Once you are on NextDoor, you can limit what you see to your immediate neighbors or you can get information from 26 other neighborhoods in the surrounding area.

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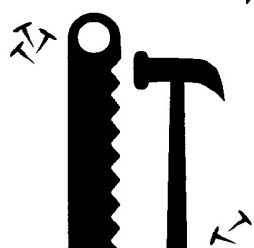

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Hello neighbors!

Most of you have seen me around already -- walking the neighborhood or hanging out at the pool in the summer.

When you need answers or are ready to down size, I would like to help you with any of your real estate questions.

Joe Nastasi is my real estate broker and partner and has helped many of your neighbors already.

Ready to take the first step, or just talk through the options? Call me at 210-480-2074 today! I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Joyce Streuding



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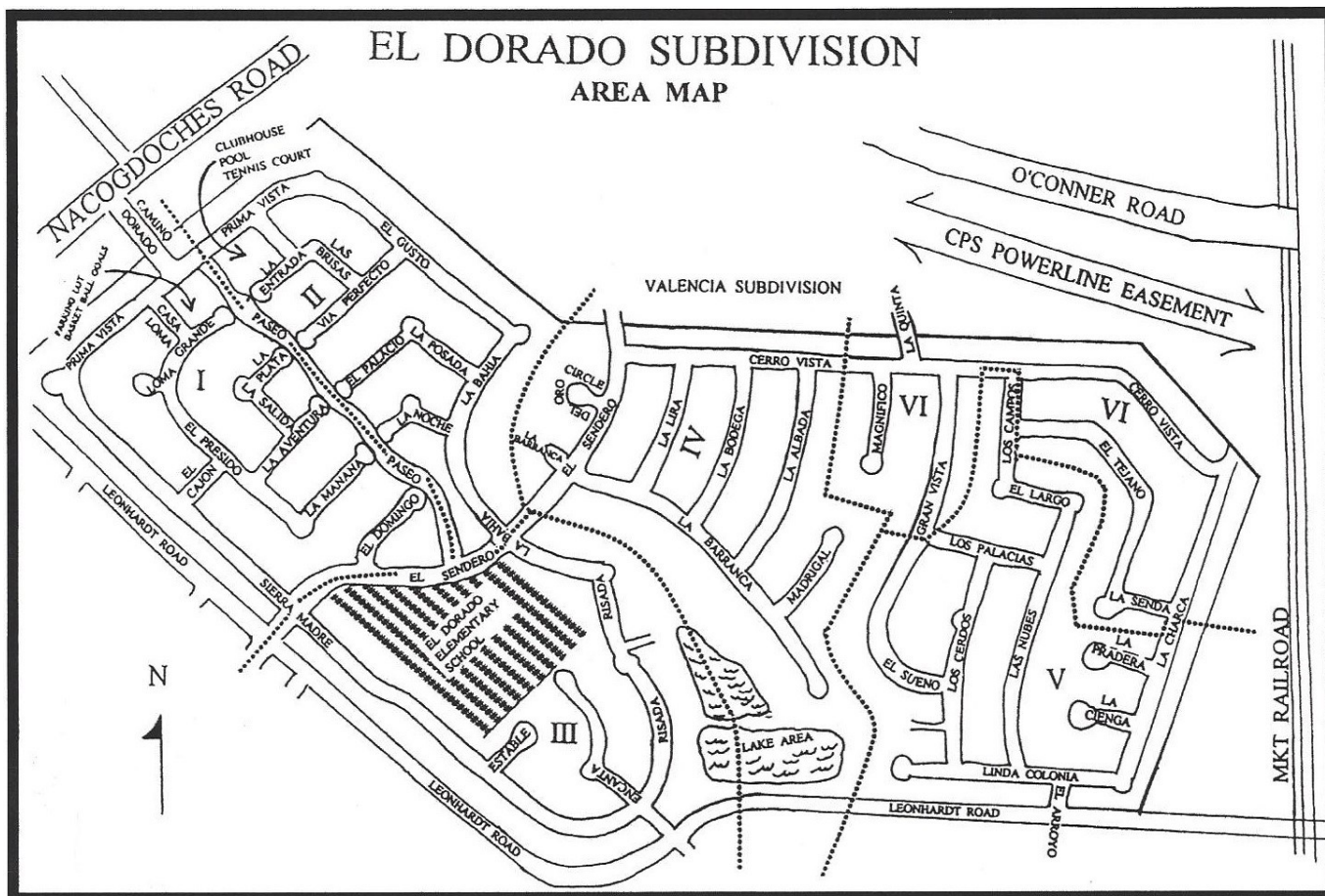
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When are They Going to Fix My Street?

The San Antonio City Council recently approved the 2018 city budget using the "equity lens" proposed by Mayor Nirenberg and implemented by City Manager Scully. As part of this new budget allocation, District 10 received additional money over and above its usual allotment for road repairs. This allowed our council office to request that certain roads be moved up on the repair schedule. Most of El Dorado was originally included in the 2022-2025 maintenance window, but about seventy five percent of our streets are now in the 2018-2021 cycle.

Because other projects have been moved forward due to the increased funding in the equity lens budget, the following El Dorado streets are now slated for repaving in 2019: Camino Dorado, Casa Loma, El Gusto, El Presidio, La Aventura, and Risada. For 2020, we have: Del Oro Circle, El Cajon, El Domingo, El Sendero, Estable, La Bahia, La Barranca, La Entrada, La Noche, La Plata, La Posada, La Salida, Las Brisas, Loma Grande, Prima Vista, Sierra Madre, and Via Perfecto. In 2021, the following streets will be repaved: El Arroyo, El Sueno, Encanta, Gran Vista, La Charca, La Cienga, La Manana, Las Nubes, Linda Colonia, Los Cerdos, and Los Palacios. All of our other streets will remain on the 2022-2025 schedule: Cerro Vista, El Largo, El Palacio, El Tejano, La Albada, La Bodega, La Lira, La Pradera, La Senda, Los Campos, Madrigal, and Magnifico.

The EDHA Board is working with representatives of the Councilman's office and TCI to try to move Prima Vista into the 2019 program. Please let your area representative know if you have any questions.





REGISTER ONLINE @

<https://Eldoradostingrays.swimtopia.com>

or come out and register during the first week of practice at the pool; May 7th – May 9th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

No Experience needed and all swimmers

between the ages of 5 to 18 are welcome!

\$85.00 for the 1st swimmer, \$80.00 for each sibling after that.

First practice is on May 7th, at 6:00 PM at the El Dorado Pool.

~ Swim Team Meet and Greet Pizza Party on May 1st at 6:00 pm ~

Late registration- Information handouts- meet other swim families

And Pizza!

For more details visit our website or call one of our team reps:

Sandra Carroll (210)725-8549 or Shannon Grabill(210)387-0137