



EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION

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[http://neighborhoodlink.com/el\\_dorado/home](http://neighborhoodlink.com/el_dorado/home)



THE LEGENDARY LAND OF WEALTH AND HAPPINESS

December 2019

# SUNBURST



Breakfast  
With  
Santa  
12-14-19  
Clubhouse  
9 am

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# Happy Holidays

### EDHA MEETING

Monday,  
December 9, 2019  
7:00 PM  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
Please Join US!

### THANK YOU

To all our new and  
returning advertisers!  
Please visit our advertis-  
ers and "tell them you  
saw their ad in the  
Sunburst.

### Sunburst Deadline

For January is  
December 15th.  
Contributions are welcome!  
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### Rent our

Clubhouse  
Text Evelyn at  
(210) 296-9050

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As an older community in the San Antonio area, it is the amenities in our neighborhood that help keep our property values high. To ensure our property values don't diminish we need your help. Our pool is in desperate need for repairs and updates. **By keeping our pool in excellent condition, we keep our property values high, keep our kids active, and maintain an area for families and neighbors to celebrate and connect with one another.**

As many of you know, the El Dorado Pool is home to the El Dorado Stingrays, a summer swim team part of the Maverick Summer Swim League. Children from both inside and outside of our community gather every summer to improve their swimming skills and to learn about the importance of teamwork. The swim league is an important part of many of these children's lives as it provides a safe space from them to learn and while keeping them out of trouble. While the swim team membership dues provide much needed funds for the pool each year, it is not enough.

Out of the 750 homes currently in El Dorado only 168 are general or full members of the homeowner's association. If we had 100% homeowner participation, we would have the available funds needed to make all necessary repairs such as re-surfacing the bottom, re-surfacing the decking, repairing the baby pool, and adding a chair lift for our elderly and handicap members.

The estimated cost of repairs is \$60,000. To help us reach this goal, an incredible resident in our community has offered a donation match for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of all cost of these repairs! However, we can't receive this match unless you donate.

Remember, the pool is an integral part of our community. Whether you use it or not, it is adding value to your home. Letting this asset fall into disrepair will have impact on **all** of our home values. Please consider making a donation to EDHA.

Donation can conveniently be made via PayPal to [ElDoSub@gmail.com](mailto:ElDoSub@gmail.com).

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**Important phone numbers**

Police Non-emergency ..... 210-207-7273  
 Code Compliance ..... 311  
 Child Protective Services ..... 800-252-5400  
 Adult Protective Services ..... 210-270-4000  
 Health Department ..... 210-207-8780  
 Poison Control Center ..... 800-222-1222  
 Animal Control ..... 210-207-6653  
 SAWS Emergency line ..... 210-704-7297  
 CPS Emergency line ..... 210-353-4357  
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**Rock'n'Roll**  
 MARATHON & 1/2  
 SAN ANTONIO

**December 8, 2019**

**SAFFE Officer:**

Dennis Quinn  
 210-207-8350 (office)



## Why become a member?

General Maintenance membership dues allow the EDHA maintain community common areas. El Dorado Subdivision has a 7 acre Lake that is accessible to members. El Dorado subdivision also has a community garden, children's playground, and a paseo path to enjoy evening walks. When the parks, playgrounds and greenways are part yours, it's a lot easier to feel at home wherever you go.

With the funds from general maintenance EDHA maintains the entrance islands. It is the goal of the EDHA to keep our community safe and beautiful, but this can't be accomplished without memberships

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

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**El Dorado Homes Association**

**12606 Prima Vista**

**San Antonio, TX 78233**

**You can now pay your membership fees online with PayPal!**

Send PayPal payments to EIDoSub@gmail.com

## What does a great HOA president look like?

Whether elected or volunteered for, a president of the homeowners association should have a few innate abilities in order to successfully run an HOA. Success is typically defined by moving the community in a positive direction while maintaining the happiness of the homeowners and property values of each home.

**Commitment.** A homeowners association president should be committed to bettering the community as a whole. He or she should be committed to attending every meeting, creating family-friendly community events, and more. Without commitment to the community, the neighborhood will not move forward.

**Attention to detail.** A president can't run a homeowners association if he or she does not pay attention to the tiny details. He or she should take the time to thoroughly read through documents, understand the financial situation, learn about the community's needs and wants, and master the best way to communicate with homeowners and his or her board members.

**Pride.** A great HOA president should have pride in where they live. Simply put, if you do not have pride in what you are doing, then you will not put forth the effort, time, or resources to do your best.

**Honesty and fairness.** An HOA president should be law-abiding without bias toward specific neighbors. While flexibility is a great quality to have in most positions, HOA-regulated communities come with laws, covenants, and restrictions, so it's important for a president to understand this and follow through.

**Leadership.** This quality seems like a no-brainer, but it is important for someone who is comfortable in a leadership position to take the reins in the homeowners association. He or she should be all right with delegating tasks to smaller committees, making bold decisions for the community's aesthetic, being the public face for the neighborhood, taking control of unruly situations, and more.

**Ability to take criticism.** Unfortunately, not everyone is going to like what you do or say all the time. An HOA president should have thick skin and the ability to take criticism, whether it is constructive or negative.

EDHA has had some fantastic presidents in the past years. They have served their terms and it's now time for some new neighbors to take the reins. As many previous EDHA presidents have demonstrated, this position is a great jump start into your political career. If you have all or even some of these attributes, please consider becoming our next EDHA president. Our Vice-President position is also vacant. Maybe you have a neighbor who is equally qualified, you can make a team effort to make El Dorado a successful community. Please see page 2 for other board vacancies. General Meetings are held every second Monday of the month.

<https://www.ikocommunitymanagement.com/blog/top-qualities-of-an-hoa-president>

El Dorado Homes Association is looking to move into the digital age. The first step towards this goal is to have a website. We are looking for a student in our neighborhood who would be willing to build our website on the WIX platform or something comparable. In return for the service EDHA will be willing to sign off on community hours for his/her school. We are looking for someone to build it, the board members can maintain it. We would like to have the website up and running by January 2020. If you know of a student who has the skills or you are the student who has the skills please call Ezra Johnson at (210) 264-8860



# SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

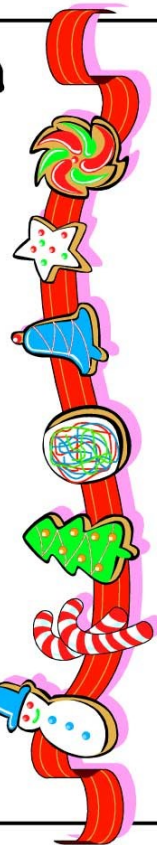


Santa Claus is a \_\_\_\_\_ man who wears a \_\_\_\_\_ suit with a \_\_\_\_\_ belt and a \_\_\_\_\_ hat. He has a long \_\_\_\_\_ beard and his \_\_\_\_\_ shakes like jelly when he laughs. Every Christmas, he rides a \_\_\_\_\_ full of presents, pulled by \_\_\_\_\_ high into the night sky. Santa \_\_\_\_\_ down the chimney of people's homes to leave \_\_\_\_\_ under their Christmas trees.



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# Christmas Baking



It's time to \_\_\_\_\_ some Christmas \_\_\_\_\_! Some popular Christmas treats include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

First, get a big \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the batter. Next, add the ingredients and \_\_\_\_\_ everything \_\_\_\_\_, and then put it in the \_\_\_\_\_ to bake at \_\_\_\_\_ degrees for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. Don't forget to decorate the \_\_\_\_\_ cookies and cupcakes with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!



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Thousand Oaks Branch Library  
4618 Thousand Oaks Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78233  
(210) 207 9190

Hours of Operation  
Monday & Wednesday 12-8 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, Sunday 10 am – 6 pm

## December 2019

### **Holiday closures:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, December 24 - 26, for Christmas  
Tuesday, December 31, for New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 5, 10:30 am - 11:15 am

### **Play & Learn: Let's Go to the Grocery Store**

We will talk, sing, read, write, and play about grocery shopping. Kids and their grownups will pretend and explore together about this important household job.

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

### **Thousand Oaks Friends Book Sale**

The Thousand Oaks Friends will conduct their semi-annual book sale! Selections for all ages.

Monday, December 9, 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

### **Winter Wonderland Party**

Celebrate the season at our Polar Animal themed Winter Party! Crafts, activities, treats and play for children 12 & under and their adults.

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### **Teen Time**

Wednesday nights belong to the teen! Join us for fun, food, board games, video games, crafts, conversation, laughs, and more. Teens 13-18 years only, please.

Thursdays, December 12, 19, 10:30 am – 11:15 am

### **Toddler Time**

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

Thursdays, December 12, 19, 11:20 am – 12:00 pm

### **Story Time**

Preschoolers enjoy stories and songs that develop early literacy skills and foster curiosity. Recommended for three to five year olds.

Fridays, December 6, 13, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### **Family Fun Fridays**

Families, join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities, all designed for school-age children.

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

### **Lego Time**

Come build your best Lego creations! For Children 12 & under and their adults.

Please call the library for details on any of the listed programs and/or events.

## El Dorado Christmas Light Contest

December 14th and 15th

Leave lights on until 10 pm with your address visible in the dark.

Winners will receive the following amounts towards their 2020 EDHA Membership.

1st Place \$75.00

2nd Place \$50.00

3rd Place \$25.00

## Holiday lighting safety

### Lights and trees

- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, or frayed or bare wires. Discard all damaged cords.
- Don't connect lights while adjusting them on a tree or house. Inspect lights and plug them together before hanging.
- Indoors or out, use only lights that have been tested for safety. The lights should have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.
- Don't let light bulbs rest on tree needles and branches. Use a clip or twist-tie to keep bulbs upright.
- Watch young children around lights and decorations with small pieces that could be ingested.
- Unplug tree lights and decorative outdoor lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.
- If you buy an artificial tree, check for a "flame resistant" label.

Buy LED holiday lights. They are not only longer-lasting, but they don't get hot to the touch, so they're a lot safer.

### Cords and outlets

- Don't overload outlets or extension cords.
- Keep cords out of water and away from metal objects.
- To hook up your outdoor lighting, use a three-prong grounded extension cord with the UL label.
- Uncoil extension cords completely before using, and be sure to place them away from heat sources and bulbs.

Never place cords under rugs and doors or through windows where they might be pinched or become worn.

**NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2020**

EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

STRENGTHEN YOUR LEADERSHIP

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is a six month interactive course designed to equip residents with the necessary knowledge, network, and skills to be effective neighborhood leaders. Participants will learn how to navigate through city services to become strong community advocates.

**Friendly Freddy's Lawn Services**  
Alfredo Campos - (210) 287-3581

Free Estimates  
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## *Nix Excuses*

# 5 Keys to Becoming The Most Productive Person You Know

Last Updated on October 13, 2019

By Joel Runyon

*Learn to double or even triple your productivity by mastering these 5 essential productivity rules.*

*Everyone wants to be more productive, but no one's quite sure how to measure it. Over the past few months, I've started to crack the code. Overall, I've likely 2-3x my productivity levels from the last few years.*

*Here's how I did it and how you can do it too.*

### **Own Your Calendar**

One piece of advice I got was “treat your calendar like a template for a day that you would like to have” – then go do it. That thinking – from things that I have to do to things that I get to do to live my ideal life – has completely changed things. There's a ton of calendars out there that can help – and one that works for you. I use Woven Calendar to time block and schedule my meetings with others throughout the week and that alone has transferred to a 2x boost in my productivity this year.

### **Outsource the Unnecessary**

When you start analyzing the value of specific tasks, you quickly realize that not all time is equal. If you're able to place a value on your time, then you can start outsourcing items that don't meet that level of value. Outsource your meal planning, get a cleaner to help with the house, hire a VA to help you handle email. Find the stuff that you're dreading, that slows you down across the board and sucks your momentum. Then get it off your plate and don't be shy about asking for help.

### **Set a Timer**

One of the most infuriating things I ever did was start timing tasks. As an entrepreneur, I work for myself and don't need to track my hours, but I started keeping a timer going while I did a task and immediately realized how much time I spend doing other things than the task at hand. Often a ten-minute task would take 30 or 60 minutes just because I'd open and close a tab over and over again. Time doesn't lie. Keep it front and center to keep you honest.

### **Decide**

I can't tell you how many times a project has been delayed simply because someone was afraid to make a decision. Becoming decisive is one of the most important decisions you can make and once you learn to trust yourself to make solid decision, you can just decide to GO while everyone else is sitting on the sidelines still mulling over the options.

### **Cut, Cut, Cut the Waste**

Even once you outsource a bunch of things that aren't worth your time, you'll find that there are a lot of things that aren't worth doing at all! In fact, you could probably stop doing them and no one would notice! Doing more by doing less sounds counterintuitive, but it's actually one of the fastest ways to hone in on the things you must do from the large, meandering list of things you “could do.” Master the difference and watch your productivity levels explode.

<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/5-keys-to-becoming-the-most-productive-person-you-know/>

**Posted by: Nora L. Chavez**

## El Dorado Lake



Lake Clean-up Dates: Dec. 7, 2019

Jan 4, 2020

Feb 1, 2020

Mar 7, 2020

## El Dorado Community Garden

Community gardens can help reduce negative environmental impacts by promoting sustainable agriculture. If you are interested in the community garden please contact Zanel at (210) 425-5840

## El Dorado Clubhouse

This is a reminder that our beautiful clubhouse is up for rent for all your events and special occasions. For rates and availability please contact our Clubhouse Chairman, Evelyn Canion at 210-296-9050.

### Independent Insurance Services

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Income Replacement  
Tax Deferred and Deductible Annuities  
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(Both US and Non-US Citizens)

**I'm in the neighborhood !**

## El Dorado Community Pool

If you are interested in being on the pool committee for 2020, please call or text Pool Co-Chairpersons: Sandra 210-725-8549 or Kelly 210-846-7777.

Your help is much appreciated!

## Golden Bursts

***Seniors are some of our most valuable community members. Volunteering to help them is our way to pay them back for contributing so much to society.***

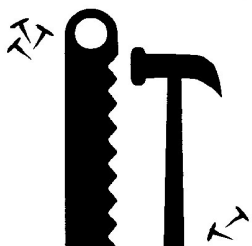
Northeast Senior Assistance (NESA) is in need of volunteer drivers to take seniors to doctor appointments and/or to shop for and deliver groceries. If you or someone you know has a little extra time and would enjoy the reward of helping seniors, please call 210-967-6372. Set your own schedule (once a week, once a month, etc.) and get reimbursed for your mileage!

### CHECK OUT THESE NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITES

There are two worthwhile websites you might check out. They give you information specifically about El Dorado and surrounding neighborhoods. Here is a quick summary of the two:

**Neighborhood Link** focuses on a specific neighborhood, like El Dorado. You can find out information about your neighborhood (map, history, By-laws, the neighborhood association, pool, schools, etc). There are also forms included if you want to rent the Clubhouse or pool, and join the El Dorado Association. You will also find miscellaneous articles and info written by residents of El Dorado. Pool hours and rules are listed. Your current Sunburst is available to read (in case you lost yours), plus most previous issues. Included are also numerous links to San Antonio departments like police, fire, city council, etc. Here is the link to "Neighborhood Link": [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/El\\_Dorado](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/El_Dorado)

**Nextdoor.com** is a social networking service for neighborhoods. It includes not only El Dorado, but also the surrounding close neighborhoods. Typical uses include neighbors reporting on news and events in their "neighborhood" (e.g. lost dog, theft, etc), and members asking each other for local service-provider recommendations (babysitter, house painter, a/c repair, etc). There are also local items listed for sale, and items free of charge. New businesses might also be mentioned by neighbors, along with their "reviews" and opinions. Other sections include houses for sale in the neighborhood, local deals, and events.



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# Community Announcements

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Classified ads and miscellaneous notices are available to El Dorado residents for \$5.00 (approx. 25 words). Ads by students, age 21 and under, are free. Contact the editor at EldoSub@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.**

## Special Mention

Welcome new families to our neighborhood or let us know of lost members of our community.

Mail you check (payable to EDHA) to : EDHA, Attention Sunburst, 12606 Prima Vista, S.A, TX 78233 and email your ready to print ad to edhasunburst@gmail.com. Some fonts are unavailable and may need to be changed. Payment and ad must both be received no later than the 15th of the month prior to the desired issue.

## El Dorado Elem., Wood MS, and Madison HS

If you are on the board at one of these school and would like to inform our neighborhood of an event please email me at eldosub@gmail.com. Deadlines are the 15th of the month.

Ad Size	Monthly Rate	Value for 10 ads
Full Back Page	\$120	\$1,080
Full Page	\$100	\$900
Half Back Page	\$60	\$540
Half page	\$50	\$450
Quarter Page	\$25	\$225
Business Card	\$15	\$135

