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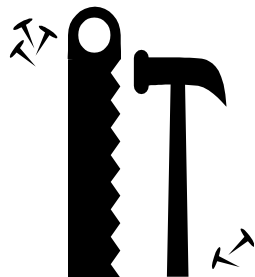
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January 2, in observance of  
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## ***P*resident's Notes** **By Reinette King**

Happy New Year, Good Neighbor!

God bless you with health and vigor, prosperity, His own wisdom, joy and peace! Thank you to our generous all-volunteer board and committees, who work hard for you! Thanks to our Christmas Lights judges for your labor of love, and congratulations to our winners!!!

Hats off to Jerald Hood, Don Malik and Margaret Timm who faithfully drive the neighborhood for cellular on patrol each week! Thank you to Margaret Timm and her volunteers who faithfully maintain and put up signs in 6 entrances to the neighborhood each week! Thanks to Dona Schermerhorn who handles advertising for the Sunburst! We appreciate your help in reaching out to businesses to advertise, too! Here's a big shout out to Shirley Stephens and Mary Brooks and their army of over 60 volunteers who distribute the Sunburst! Thank you, Rich Taylor, for your many years of transporting 800 Sunbursts from the printer to the Clubhouse so they can be distributed each month in the

past! Thank you, Kurt Schaefer, for agreeing to take over this task for Rich now! Thank you, Jamie Gifford, for sharing your talents and creating an excellent Sunburst newsletter for the betterment of the community each month! We are grateful to our advertisers for contributing toward the Sunburst and for the businesses who get involved in El Dorado activities! We encourage you to do business with these high quality businesses.

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](mailto:ed.alexander13318@att.net) to add yourself to his email list.

Thanks to Sandra Carroll and our Social Committee for all your hard work on the highly successful Breakfast with Santa and the other wonderful activities you have prepared in the past and are planning for the future! Thank you Alia Garrett, for welcoming new residents in El Dorado! (Be sure to notify her when someone new moves into one of the 780 homes in El Dorado, ok?) Thanks to John Easterling and your team of lake volunteers! Thanks, Irene Nunley for your diligence in Code Compliance!

Thank you to each of you who serve quietly behind the scenes, fixing up and cleaning up and caring for your neighbors, making El Dorado a wonderful place to live. Thank you for keeping El Dorado beautiful! We appreciate you!!! Thanks, Shannon and Mike McCreary, for maintaining and renting the Clubhouse!!

Thanks, Lola, for heading the membership committee. It's time to write my check for El Dorado full membership dues. Alia Garrett and I compete to see who can pay first each year! ( - : Only members of El Dorado Homes Association have the right to rent the highly popular clubhouse, a great venue for parties, weddings, receptions, games, etc. At the Members Appreciation Party (the brainchild of Michelle Johnson, Pool Chairman) even general members are allowed to swim in the pool. We had a blast last summer, so let's all fill out the form on the back of this Sunburst and get our payment in today, ok?

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Reinette King

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To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a  
garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;

To have played and laughed with enthusiasm  
and sung with exultation;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you  
have lived...

This is to have succeeded.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Beginners Bridge Group

Several members of the Valencia Home Owners Association have formed a beginners/novice rubber bridge group and are inviting more members. Players with any skill level are welcome, but focal point of the group is beginners and novices wanting to learn and expand skills in a friendly, learning atmosphere. This is not intended to be a duplicate, tournament group. There is no cost to join or play and for those wanting to learn the great game, lessons will be provided free as well.

The purpose of this group is to learn and play sociable bridge, have fun, and to meet others in the neighborhood. While there are other bridge groups in the area, this is the only one focusing on beginners and novice players.

Initially, we will be playing on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Valencia Club House on El Sendero. If you are interested or have other questions, contact me, Bob Watson, at:

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In the wee hours of the morning of December 6, 2014, under cover of darkness, the sneaky Yarn Bomber struck again at our Club House. YB's shenanigans occurred just in time for all of our Santa-seeking kiddos who attended Breakfast with Santa. While San Antonio will probably never have a White Christmas, Santa and Mrs. Claus were greeted by tokens of their hometown climate in the form of dozens of beautiful yarn snowflakes. Thanks, YB!

Hello neighbors.

Josh here again with Northeast Side Cleanup Group. We had a great morning of cleanup at the lake on Saturday, December 13th. We had a nice turnout, familiar and fresh faces, but not nearly the numbers we'd like to see. We filled many garbage bags and were able to clear out a few bulky items in time to add them to our piles for the City's bulky pickup in December. We also worked along the fence line on Leonhardt, filled one bag easily in a stretch of about 20 yards. We would love suggestions on how help keep the area free of garbage; maybe help from VIA or the businesses directly across from there? If you have an idea please let us know. We'll be back at it on Saturday, January 10, at 9am. We will meet on the Linda Colonia side of the lake and work our way around. An hour or two is all we ask. Many in our December contingent have pledged to make the lake cleanup a more regular effort; weekly, bimonthly, or whenever they have an hour to spare. This is quite commendable and gives me an immense amount of optimism for our community and I hope it inspires more of us to volunteer our time and effort to making this a more beautiful and enjoyable community. If you have any suggestions, questions, ideas, etc., you can contact me through Facebook, email, or the Sunburst. We have also been introduced to a new website/app; nextdoor.com, which allows us to connect to an even wider area, as well as a very localized one. Check it out, connect and get involved. We'll see you all on January 10th!

Josh.JM15@gmail.com

Side note – CALL FOR ARTISTS – we're asking for your help and input in a different and fun way. John Easterling, the Lake Chairman, has agreed to refurbish the bus benches around the lake. The idea of putting murals on the new wood was floated and liked, so now we need to see neighbors who are artists come forward to create some art on those benches. We will have our own art installation and creating art that people enjoy looking at (and creating) is a nice way to "spruce up the place" and maybe help deter vandalism. It would be cool to have a public unveiling once the art pieces are completed. If you or your kids have an artistic streak and would like to participate, just contact one of us so we can get started organizing and making it happen. Thanks. Peace! dc@shortwave.net

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**A Love of Baseball**  
by Vera and Jadyn Williams

My son Jadyn is a baseball player. Sure he plays other sports, and enjoys other activities, but he has a true love in his heart for the game of baseball. He has been playing at Capitol Park Little League since he was 4 years old, and he will turn 13 in March, right as the spring season is getting underway. Although I am a Baseball Mom through and through, I wanted to get a player's perspective, so I asked Jadyn some questions about playing at Capitol Park.

Me: How long have you been playing at Capitol Park?

Jadyn: 7 years (I guess math is not his strongest subject, as it will be nine years this spring)

Me: What is your favorite memory of Capitol Park?

Jadyn: Meeting Justin and Jason (two other boys he has played with for the past three years. I can totally understand, as I have become good friends with their parents)

Me: What is the best thing about playing at Capitol Park?

Jadyn: Getting to pitch in big games

Me: How would you feel if you could no longer play at Capitol Park?

Jadyn: Really sad, because then I would have to make new friends, and prove myself to new coaches.

The last question I asked Jadyn may seem strange, but sometimes I worry about it becoming a reality. Unlike many baseball parks in the San Antonio area, Capitol Park is not a city park, and therefore gets no city funding. It runs strictly on registration fees of players and donations. Therefore we are always looking for donations, whether they are monetary, materials, or time. Albeit an older park, Capitol Park Little League is a great park to be involved with and we love it, and cannot imagine playing anywhere else. None of the coaches, board members, team moms etc. are paid, so you know they are doing everything they do for the love of the game and the kids... and trust me, they do A LOT! If you have a boy or girl between the ages of 4-17, bring them out and get them registered for baseball or softball. Capitol Park is the only American Little League baseball park that El Dorado falls within the boundaries of, so this is the place for you! If you have the time and love of the game, please consider volunteering as a coach, team mom, or just coming out to help at the park. We are always looking for more hands.

Capitol Park Little League is located at 11793 Bulverde Road, San Antonio, TX 78217, between Thousand Oaks and Naco Perrin. We will begin registration at the park mid-January, but will be registering online soon, beginning this month, at <http://www.capitolparkbaseball.org>. If you have a child that wants to play, some extra time on your hands, or just want to check out a game, we would love to have you.

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### **January 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

**6.30p Monday Evening Book Club**

### **January 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

**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.

### **January 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

**1.00p Friends of the Library Meeting**

**2.00p Monday Evening Book Club**

### **Wednesdays (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)**

**5.00p Teen Time**

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

### **Thursdays (Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)**

#### **Story time**

**10.00a** Toddlers actively participate in stories, music and movement enhancing their social, emotional and language development.

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**Starts January 20<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon 12-4, Tue 10-4, Fri 10-3, Sat 10-3, and Sun 10-3**

**Call library for details for any of the above mentioned programs and/or events.**



## Breakfast with Santa 2014

What a great turnout we had at the annual Breakfast with Santa. Each year it has grown and we love it! Thanks to the yarn bomber's giant snowflakes in the trees, it felt a little like the North Pole. The children were treated to Dunkin Donuts, hot cocoa, crafts and SANTA!!! They came with lists in hands, and ready to sit on Santa's lap! Some even bought gifts for Santa himself! After their chat, and a few hugs, came that oh, so anticipated, candy cane from Mrs. Santa! There were a lot of happy children in our clubhouse! Thank you to our sweet neighbors from Valencia for once again supplying the crafts for the children. You have been such an important part of this event for years and it wouldn't be the same without you! Thank you to Silver Oaks Dentistry for their generous donation. They were kind enough to purchase and deliver all the donuts! Thank you to Betsy, the elf who came from Silver Oaks, to help in the setting up, cleaning up, and assisting with the crafts. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful, neighboring business. Your contribution was truly appreciated! I'm sure you'll see many of us in 2015! Thank you, Santa and Mrs. Claus for making an early stop in our neighborhood. As always we were all thrilled to see you both and can't wait to see next year! Thank you to the social committee for all of your hard work in putting on this event. Thank you to those who helped in the clean up afterward! What a great way to close out 2014. We look forward to 2015 and all the community gatherings to come!

Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed the snowflake display at the clubhouse last month. I know you are wondering who I am and why I'm "bombing" El Dorado. I can't tell you my name, but I will tell you that I'm one of your neighbors. A few years ago, it occurred to me how many negative things we see and hear every single day. We hear it on the news or read it in the paper or on the internet. (Let's face it – we've even read it in this very paper!) And all that negative *stuff* feeds on itself. So I've tried to give you something to talk about that's a lot more fun! (It's fun doing it too!) And you *do* talk about it! I've seen you do it! I've seen you stop to look at it and wonder about it and start a conversation about it *with a total stranger*!! I've tried to give you a reason to look around yourself and see things in a new way. See the good in the world. Or at least see it in our own neighborhood. (Did you ever notice how big the trees are in front of the clubhouse? I don't think I ever did before I tried to hang snowflakes from them!) As I sit here writing this, it is not yet Christmas. But you can feel it coming. That feeling of anticipation and wishing for Peace on Earth and good will toward men. By the time you read this newsletter, Christmas will be over and we will be back in our routines. So what happens to all those feelings that seem to be evident only in December? Why can't we "keep Christmas all year"? I hope that the next time you see that I've visited you in the night – and I will – you'll get that feeling of peace and good will. I hope it will make you take a moment out of your day to see the good in the world.

The Yarnbomber



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THINK EDHA COULD DO MORE?

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Dear District 10 Residents,

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who attended the District 10 Community Christmas Party.

Earlier this month, City Council took a significant step for improving the Northeast Corridor in our community. Council supported the creation of the Northeast Corridor Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ). This TIRZ will allow the City to invest in necessary infrastructure to help spur private investment along Perrin Beitel and Nacogdoches. When a developer makes improvements, property values increase. With the TIRZ, the taxes on the increase in property values will be set aside to pay for public improvements in the Northeast Corridor. This also means that the area will essentially invest in itself and help determine its future prosperity.

I have heard from several constituents regarding their concerns with airport noise and the Residential Acoustical Treatment Program (RATP). I want to assure everyone that I support quality of life for neighborhoods surrounding the airport. I recognize that there are homeowners that are unable to hold conversations in their homes or sleep through the night due to noise from aircraft.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently began requiring airports to update their Noise Exposure Maps at least every 5 years in order to continue receiving federal funds for programs such as the RATP. The new noise maps designate fewer streets within several of our neighborhoods, leaving fewer residents the ability to obtain sound barring windows, doors, and insulation.

As the FAA falls under the jurisdiction of the federal government, I have respectfully asked our Congressional Representatives to help us protect our neighborhoods and work to address these issues.

Council also approved an ordinance that allows Transportation Network Companies like Uber and Lyft to operate legally in our community effective March 1, 2015. This ordinance will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee in 6 months and then full Council in a year.

Our office will be closed December 22-January 2nd, but please reach out to me if you should have any comments or concerns in District 10.

Sincerely,

Councilman Mike Gallagher  
District 10



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## 2015 EL DORADO HOMES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Due Date: May 1, 2015



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

*For POOL MEMBERSHIP, please provide OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AT THIS ADDRESS, and children's ages:*

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

☐ **General Maintenance Fee \$89.00 (\$99.00 after May 1)**

☐ **Full Pool Membership/Maintenance \$170.00 (\$185.00 after May1)**

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

Please return with payment to:

El Dorado Homes Association

12606 Prima Vista

San Antonio, TX 78233

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 officers and property. I have listed all family members who reside at my address.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date