



El Camino *Neighborhood News*

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Holiday Lighting Contest

The Annual ECHO Holiday decorating contest will be held again this year. Help make our neighborhood MERRY and BRIGHT by decorating your house. Awards of \$50.00 each are given to the five (5) outstanding decorated homes. Judging will be held December 17th & 18th. Please leave your Holiday lights on these two evenings in order to be judged. ECHO encourages residents to use LED lights.

ECHO Dues

ECHO Membership is NOW on a calendar year basis. All membership dues for “2012” are due now. If you haven’t paid your 2011 Dues yet, please pay those as well. Encourage your neighbors to join ECHO. It’s comparatively cheap and goes toward keeping El Camino a desirable place to live. Thank you.

El Camino Community Telephone Directory

The 2012 Telephone Directories will be distributed door to door by the end of the February. The ECHO board voted at the October meeting to only distribute to PAID members. Make sure you pay your dues by Dec. 31st to be on the telephone directory list.

There is only a few weeks left that we can get your ad in the telephone directory.

Advertising Rates for Telephone Directory:

\$500...outside back cover of directory (5" x 7.5") + ad (5.75" x 2.75") in 3 newsletters

\$350...inside front cover of directory (5" x 7.5") + ad (5.75" x 2.75") in 3 newsletters

\$350...inside back cover of directory (5" x 7.5") + ad (5.75" x 2.75") in 3 newsletters

\$200...inside full page of directory (5" x 7.5") + ad (5.75" x 2.75") in 3 newsletters

\$100...inside half page of directory (5" x 7.5") + ad (5.75" x 2.75") in 3 newsletters

\$50.....inside of directory: business card size (4.5" x 1.75")

Please contact John Falsetto 406-2888 or Kurt Madic 561-1881 to get your advertisement in the telephone directory. Or, email us at admin@elcaminohomeowners.org.

Reports of Burglary and Theft from Vehicles on the Rise

We have received more calls recently about thefts from home and garages and car break-ins. Please do not leave your garage door open or your valuables in your cars!!!! Please keep your homes and cars locked. It is also a good idea to keep cars in the garage, and off the street at night.

If you see parked vehicles near the parks at night, report it immediately.

We Recycle

We have partnered with We Recycle for a specially discounted weekly curbside pickup recycling service available to our homeowner ECHO **paid members only**. It's \$6 a month and they would pick up every Monday. They provide a 40 gallon bag that everything would need to fit in. Just call We Recycle at 542-6327 to get signed up. Here's their website for more information: <http://www.werecyclecoop.com/>

We are confirming paid members with them on a regular basis. It could affect your monthly service bill with them.

Volunteer Cleanup Efforts

Anyone interested in starting or volunteering a regular neighborhood cleanup effort, please send us an email. There is also an opportunity to adopt a portion of Hwy. 78 to help keeping it clean.

admin@elcaminohomeowners.org



The ECHO Board is still needing a few more Board Members. We also need help with Covenant Enforcement and some other committees. You don't have to serve on the board to help with the Covenants or other committees. It is really a small commitment of time in exchange for living in the best neighborhood in Pueblo. Please contact one of the current board members for more information!!!!

Uniform Covenant Overlay for El Camino

We are in preliminary discussions with the City to make uniform covenants for all of El Camino. Currently, there are about 14 different sets of covenants for each of the sections of El Camino. This makes it very difficult to manage. Additionally, some of the language and restrictions needs to be updated to reflect our climate and values. We will keep you posted.

We now have Doggie Stations near the entrances of the El Camino neighborhood park Keep your dogs on a leash and pick up after your pets.

Trailers and Recreational Vehicles

All covenants prohibit parking RVs or trailers (boat, box, horse, flatbed, etc.) on or next to your driveway **and** in *front* of the side yard fence. The covenants specify that RVs and trailers must be kept behind a fence or in a fully enclosed garage. If your RV or trailer is currently parked out front, please move it behind your fence, into your garage, or to a storage area elsewhere.

Moreover, a Pueblo City ordinance prohibits parking on public streets for longer than 72 hours. Vehicles should be parked in private driveways! There might be an emergency that makes parking on the street unavoidable. However, residents should not leave their cars, boats or trailers on the street for over 72 hours or they run the risk of violating a City ordinance and will likely suffer the consequences.

GREEN ENERGY

Is it ok to install solar panels on your roof in El Camino? As long as it wouldn't cause the total height of the house to be more than 35' high above the ground.

Is it ok to install a wind turbine on your lot? They are currently not permitted in the R-1 zone district.

Roncalli Trail Complete....

Thanks to the work of the ECHO Board and our City Councilman, Leroy Garcia, the Roncalli Trail was completed prior to the start of the school year. This, along with the Fire Station, are two great success stories for the ECHO Board. It goes a long way to have a great homeowners organization representing the needs of the community. Next, we will be working on new playground equipment.

HOW TO REPORT STUFF:

Key phone numbers within the City of Pueblo:

Police Department code enforcement: 553-2592

Weeds in excess of 10 inches in height, junk, litter, debris, inoperable cars and illegal parking.

Zoning Department: 553-2352

Vehicle repair in residential area, outdoor storage of surplus vehicles (without current license tabs), operating a business in a residential area, structure in a setback area, using a motor home or trailer as residence or sign violations.

Public Works Department: 553-2295 Broken or damaged sidewalks (greater than 1 inch fall).

Regional Building Authority, 543-002, or Fire Department, 553-2830 Open vacant buildings.

Animal Services of Pueblo: 4600 Eagleridge Pl., 544-3005, stray animals

Barking Dogs or Other Noise Violations: Non emergency Police # 553-2538 or Code Enforcement
City code says a barking dog is disturbing the peace in a neighborhood if it barks continuously for five minutes or intermittently for an hour or more. The municipal penalty, if convicted, is a fine of up to \$1,000.

Dig Smart. Call 811 Before you Dig.

They will call the utilities and get those located within 3 days

It could save you a lot of money hitting a buried electric or gas line.

Reporting Street Lighting Outages

www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting

Or 1-800-895-4999

Provide as much information as possible to locate the pole, such as the nearest street address, nearest cross street and directional position of the pole.

New ECHO Website

Please take a few minutes and look at our new website!!!! If you have ideas on what we can include on the website or how we can better communicate with you, please let us know.

<http://www.elcaminohomeowners.org> or by email: admin@elcaminohomeowners.org

We have all of the Property Covenants stored there, past and current newsletters, phone directory, news from the Pueblo area, photo gallery, and soon to be much, much more. If you would like to help be a webmaster for this site, please contact a board member.

Free Garage Sale or other For Sale Ads?

Do you have a garage sale or other items you would like to advertise? We are working on putting this on the website shortly. Did you lose a cat or puppy? We may be able to post this or send out an email for such an emergency. Please check the website for more information, or send us an email.



We are now setup to receive your membership dues via PayPal. There is no additional cost to you and you will save the cost of a stamp! If you wish to pay your dues via PayPal, you just can login to your PayPal account and click on the Send Money button. Put in the ECHO email address: admin@elcaminohomeowners.org , put in 20 in the amount box (or 40 if you are paying for 2 years), and select the Service/Other in the For: section. Then, you click on Send Money button, and it gives you an opportunity to verify this before sending. In the subject section, put in your name and address, so we can update our records that you paid.

Covenants

If you are new to El Camino, hopefully you realize you live in a Covenant Protected Community. If you need a copy of covenants specific to your home, ECHO maintains copies of all Covenants on the website. www.elcaminohomeowners.org. On the website is a map of all the filings. If you do not have access to the website, you can contact a board member and there will be a \$10 charge for a copy.



FOR THE RECORD

We strive to keep our mailing list for the ECHO Newsletter as updated as possible. If your name is incorrect (spelling or you are the new owners), kindly send us an email or contact any ECHO director so that we can keep our records current. And welcome to El Camino!

ECHO OFFICERS

President	OPEN	
Vice-Pres.	Kurt Madic	561-1881
Secretary	Judy Volk	564-3997
Treasurer	John Falsetto	406-2888



Mark Your Calendar ECHO Meeting Schedule

Jan 24th 7:00 pm

Feb 28th 7:00 pm

Meetings are open to all El Camino Residents and are *normally* held monthly at the Lamb Branch Library on Pueblo Blvd.

BOARD MEMBERS

John Brogan	545-2901
Dave Roscover	565-1550
Jeannine Semrau	564-3212
Chris Wilde	566-6702

COMMITTEE CORNER

Welcome Committee -- If you are new to the area and haven't received a welcome bag yet, please let us know. **Contact a Board member.**

Architecture Committee -- If you are planning on any changes to your home; i.e. adding a garage, shed, fence, landscape--you **NEED** to get approval first from this committee. Please **contact a Board member.**

Landscaping Committee – Committee helps to keep up the Front Entrance and is looking at other projects to enhance our neighborhoods.

2012 ECHO membership renewals are due now. Every homeowner in El Camino is eligible for membership in ECHO. Join or renew now - below are some of the many ways your annual \$20 dues are used.

- Publish a newsletter for every resident.
- Publication of the El Camino directory every two-three years.
- Maintain the entrance to El Camino.
- Enforce El Camino Covenants for the beauty of El Camino and the comfort and safety of its residents.
- Board responds to important issues affecting our neighborhood
- Annual Christmas Decorating contest
- Discount with We Recycle

This is a great bargain for only \$20.00 per year. Please fill out the application below and send it to P.O. Box 2042, Pueblo, CO 81004. **WE NEED YOU!!!** Your membership is valuable and vitally important to the continued success of ECHO.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Business card size \$50 per issue

¼ page \$75 per issue

½ page \$125 per issue

Full page \$200 per issue

Contact any board member to advertise.

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Pueblo, CO 81004-2042

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Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Pueblo, CO
PERMIT No. 131

«Name» OR CURRENT RESIDENT
«Street»
PUEBLO, CO 81005

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2011 and 2012 dues.
THANK YOU!