

# Colonia Escondida Sun Times

Newsletter for the Colonia Escondida Residents

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## Neighborhood Fall Pot Luck Dinner

**Everyone Invited!!**

On **Saturday, November 10, at 5 pm**, there will be a Neighborhood Pot Luck Dinner for all Colonia Escondida residents. Bring a dish to serve 6-10 suggested. Appetizers, Main Dishes, Side Dishes, and Desserts are all welcome! And bring your appetite!!

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**The Swimming Pool is now closed** for the season, effective September 30. Keep your electronic keys; they will be reactivated next year for all Members in good standing.

HOA Pool to open in Spring 2019...



Oops, just kidding! This is *not* a photo of the Colonia Escondida Pool. 😊



Photo by A. W. Sheffield, Colonia Escondida

## Solar Energy for the Neighborhood?

Some of our own neighbors have solar energy. Most of our Ft. Bliss uses solar power. Is Colonia Escondida next? Colonia Escondida is exploring the idea of using solar electricity to meet our present and future electricity needs. Strengthening the finances of our HOA by reducing electric costs over the long-term can help ensure that we can continue to provide the best health, welfare, and recreation to our Members. Please email if you are interested in participating on this exploratory Solar Energy Committee.  
*email@LaColoniaEscondida.com*

## Important Phone Numbers

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| City of El Paso, TX      | 311          |
| City of Sunland Park, NM | 575-589-7565 |
| Animal Services          | 915-212-8705 |
| Emergency                | 911          |

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## Your HOA Board Members want to hear from you!

Please let us know about any of your ideas, thoughts, or suggestions that would help to create a healthier and more enjoyable neighborhood.

- Your HOA Board: Bobbie, Elva, Meg, Dan, Jackson, Tim, Dan R., and Keith.

### Be a Guest Editor

If you would like to contribute an article or volunteer your time to help spread the Good News of our neighborhood, please contact us at [Email@LaColoniaEscondida.com](mailto:Email@LaColoniaEscondida.com)

The HOA dues of \$30.75 per month may be sent to Colonia Escondida  
P.O. Box 13228, El Paso, TX 79913.

**NOTE: Effective January 2019, as per the HOA Bylaws, accounts past due by 12 months or more will be subject to a 6% annual interest penalty.**

The Colonia Escondida Clubhouse may be rented by HOA Members in good standing for any occasion. The Rental Form is online.

### Contractors' Corner

If you have a favorite contractor that has helped you with your home repairs and has done excellent work, please write about your experience so that your neighbors may benefit from them too!

## HOA Board Meeting / Town Hall OCT 8, 2018

### Agenda and Discussions:

**1. Accounting / Dues:** The Profit and Loss Statement for 2018 YTD was discussed and published online. The Overdue Account Letter was mailed or emailed to all 166 HOA Members. The HOA liability insurance policy was renewed in September. Also discussed was the HOA's electric bill and the HOA's long-term financial health. Financial Statements online at [LaColoniaEscondida.com](http://LaColoniaEscondida.com).

**2. Clubhouse Rental:** The Clubhouse was not rented in September. Volunteers are needed to help rent the clubhouse to fellow HOA Members and Residents.

**3. Grounds / Facilities:** The Colonia Escondida Park is in need of additional park benches similar to the one on the corner. All reliable bids are being accepted. The Pond was cleared of most of the cattails in August and September and the weeds are mostly under control. Three new iron and steel doors were installed at the Clubhouse. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Delgado for taking the lead on this and saving the HOA several hundred dollars. The drinking fountain no longer works. Mr. Bright volunteered to install the new one once it is purchased. Thank you!

**4. Newsletter / Website:** Volunteers needed.

**5. Pools and Pond:** The swimming pools are now closed for the season. The Baby Pool pump will be replaced after several rebuilds and many years of operation. The large pool pump will be rebuilt in the off-season. Thank you Patrick!

**6. Pool Keys:** Deactivated until Spring 2019.

**7. Neighborhood Events:** Pot Luck Dinner Nov. 10!

**8. Welcome Wagon:** Volunteers needed to perform this vital neighborhood tradition. We have several new neighbors to welcome!

Next Town Hall Meeting: November 12 at 6:00 pm (always the second Monday of the month) at the Clubhouse.

All Members and Residents are invited.